

Kabul decrees amnesty for rebels

ISLAMABAD (R) — The Afghan government Sunday formally ordered amnesties for imprisoned rebels and said other rebels giving up fighting would not be persecuted. A decree issued by the Revolutionary Council specified those to be released were persons jailed for crimes against Afghanistan's security, Kabul Radio reported. But the radio, monitored in Islamabad, said the decree did not cover people guilty of spying, terrorism or causing explosions. The amnesty was promised in a new year peace initiative by Afghan leader Najib in which he proclaimed a unilateral ceasefire from Jan. 15 and offered peace talks to his government's opponents. The radio said the amnesty decree, approved by the Revolutionary Council Presidium Saturday, would be effective from Sunday.



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India invites Pakistan for talks

NEW DELHI (R) — India Sunday invited Pakistan for talks to defuse tension created because of heavy troop movements along their common border, the Press Trust of India reported. PTI said Minister of State for External Affairs Natwar Singh called Pakistan Ambassador Humayun Khan and informed him of the invitation for talks at the official level. Quoting an official spokesman, PTI said the Indian team to the talks would be led by A.S. Gonsalves, secretary in the External Affairs Ministry. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi met Mr. Khan on Friday and told him that India would like to see the situation on the border "de-escalated expeditiously." PTI said. India has moved its troops up to the Pakistan border but has categorically stated it has no intention of attacking. Pakistan says it is ready to defend itself but has ruled out unilateral military action (earlier story on page 8).

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King congratulates India, Australia

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday sent a cable of good wishes to Indian President Zail Singh congratulating him on the occasion of his country's National Day. The King expressed his hope that the existing ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries will further develop. The King also wished President Singh continuing good health and the Indian people further progress and prosperity. King Hussein also sent a congratulatory cable to Australian Governor General Sir Ninian Martin Stephen in which His Majesty congratulated him on the occasion of Australia's National Day.

King Hussein concedes Al Kurdi family

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday deputed Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid to convey his condolences to Al Kurdi family on the passing away of Hosni Sido Al Kurdi. The late Mr. Kurdi, who died on Saturday at 81, was a prominent Jordanian businessman and economist.

Soviets condemn U.S. role in Gulf

MOSCOW (R) — The Communist Party daily Pravda accused the United States Sunday of playing an ugly backstage role in the Iran-Iraq war at a time when the worsening conflict cried out for a peaceful solution. Pravda said it had emerged that Washington had not only supplied arms to Iran but also claimed to provide "services" to Iraq.

Polish team begin talks in Iraq

BAGHDAD (R) — A Polish delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister Wladyslaw Gwiazda opened talks with Iraq Sunday on economic and industrial cooperation, the official Iraqi News Agency INA said. The Iraqi side to the talks, which also covered Poland's continued part in helping major development programmes, was led by Industry and Minerals Minister Subhy Yassin, INA said.

15 dead in Peru mudslide

LIMA (R) — At least 15 villagers died and 45 were injured when a mudslide caused by a burst dam destroyed nearly 50 homes in an Andean town where Peru's Maoist insurgency began, the national civil defence board said Sunday.

372 political prisoners reported in Pakistan

KARACHI (R) — A local human-rights group said Pakistan now held 372 political prisoners in jail or under house arrest. The political prisoners and human rights committee, made up of lawyers and political activists, said in a report that 242 of the prisoners were in the southern province of Sind, 76 in Punjab, 30 in Baluchistan and 25 in the North West Frontier.

Iraq reports 2 Iranian attacks repelled in south

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq Sunday reported two Iranian attacks repelled in southern front fighting and said its forces held the upper hand on the battlefield east of Basra.

A High Command communique said almost all the attackers were killed. Iran launched a new thrust towards Basra in southern Iraq two weeks ago but Baghdad war communiques suggest its troops are now bogged down in an area 10 kilometres from the city. An Iraqi Divisional Commander defending Basra, Brigadier Abdul Wahid Al Rabat, told the Defence Ministry daily Al Qadisiya that the Iranian invasion force was now besieged and approaching final defeat.

Lt.-Gen. Maher Abed Al Rashid commander of Iraq's Seventh Army Corps defending the southernmost part of Iraq said his army had marched north to help surround the invaders. But Sunday's communique reported no such action and said the corps artillery shelled Iranians in the battle area. It also said Iraqi warplanes flew 114 sorties Sunday, raiding Iran's holy city of Qom, south west of Tehran, Esfahan in central Iran and the southern town of Dezful. The communique indirectly denied an Iranian claim to have shot down three Iraqi jets over the central war front, saying all aircraft returned to base safely. The official Iraqi News Agency INA quoted Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz in a statement in Kuwait Sunday on U.S. arms deal to Iran as saying Iran, in the first week of their offensive, showed "distinct inefficiency in encountering our planes which later destroyed most of the Hawk anti-aircraft bases."

He said "our air force is working now in Iranian air space more freely," adding that only eight warplanes were downed in recent battles. Iranian artillery shelling of

Basra Sunday killed five people and wounded 20 others. Three others were killed and 11 injured in the border towns of Mandali, Khanaqin and the northern towns of Shahrazour and Sayyed Sadeq, the communique said.

Iraq says hundreds of civilians have been killed or wounded in Iranian missile, artillery and air attacks on its towns over the past two weeks.

Iraq says about 90,000 Iranian soldiers have been killed or wounded since they launched their offensive on Jan. 9 and made some gains around man-made Fish Lake east of Basra and further south from the city on the Shatt Al Arab waterway.

A Basra resident told Reuters by telephone that Iranian artillery shelling of the city had decreased over the past two days and people had been able to do some shopping after suffering two weeks of intensive bombardment.

Baghdad war communiques said Iraqi jet fighters had knocked out several Iranian artillery positions over the past few days. People in Baghdad said they

saw dozens of Iraqi fighter-bombers head eastward Sunday to hit Iranian troop concentrations along the warfront and to raid Iranian towns.

The INA said the vice-chairman of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council, Izzat Ibrahim, had arrived in Kuwait to lead the Iraqi delegation to the Islamic summit conference opening there Monday.

The ruling Baath Party newspaper Al Thawra criticised Syria and Pakistan for abstaining Saturday night when Islamic foreign ministers discussed a draft resolution calling for an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

It said their attitude was "irresponsible and immoral towards the aggressive war launched by Tehran on our country."

Meanwhile in a speech to Iran's parliament, Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani claimed that signs of victory were visible as he dismissed concern expressed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan that the 6½-year-old war might spill over.

Islamic summit begins today

Ministers hammer out conference agenda

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Islamic foreign ministers Sunday proposed a draft for an OIC summit call to Iran to respond to Gulf war peace initiatives from Iraq, delegates said.

The draft resolution, to be put to more than 30 leaders attending the fifth Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) summit opening Monday, also calls on both sides to cease hostilities in the six-year-long war, delegates said.

Iran, which has refused to attend the summit, has already declared it will ignore any conference resolutions on the war.

Iran two days ago rejected the latest offer from Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to end the war.

Delegates said the agreed draft expresses satisfaction with Iraq's acceptance of previous OIC and United Nations peace bids.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar flew into Kuwait Sunday night, ready to mediate in the war which military analysts say has cost Iran and Iraq nearly a million dead and wounded.

Before leaving New York he met U.N. Security Council members to discuss the war, which U.S. President Ronald Reagan said threatens the security of other Gulf states and American strategic interests in the region.

The conflict rages in earnest of Kuwait, with the frontlines barely 80 kilometres from the well guarded summit venue.

Despite an unprecedented security clampdown in the Gulf emirate, a bomb exploded under a car in central Kuwait Saturday night. No one was reported hurt.

A second explosion was heard five hours later but authorities have given no details. Both were at least 10 kilometres from the conference centre.

A Lebanese group the "Revolutionary Organisation — the Forces of the Prophet Mohammed in Kuwait," claimed responsibility for the explosion.

The same group claimed responsibility for fires in Kuwaiti oilfields on Jan. 19.

also to be based in Amman.

Kuwait's ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, greeted the leaders who flew in to a red carpet welcome.

President Hosni Mubarak arrived Saturday to attend the OIC summit after Egypt's membership was reinstated in 1984.

OIC Secretary-General Sharifuddin Pirzadeh issued an 11th hour appeal to Iran to attend the summit and take part in efforts aimed at ending its 6-year-old war with Iraq.

But conference sources said Iran was boycotting the summit. Iraq sent its Vice President Izzat Ibrahim, and the sources said President Saddam Hussein was not expected to attend.

In addition to Mr. Mubarak, Sudanese leader Ahmad Al Mirghani also arrived Saturday.

Sheikh Jaber on Sunday greeted at Kuwait International Airport the Indonesian Vice President, Omar Wirahadikusumah, Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, Guinean President Lansana Conte, Guinea-Bissau President Joao Bernardo Vieira, Pakistani President Zia Ul Haq, Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, South Yemeni President Hakim Al Attas and North Yemeni Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia is expected to arrive Monday, conference officials reported.

Sunday's arrivals also included President Hossein Mohammad Ershad of Bangladesh, Bahrain's Emir Sheikh Isa Ibn Sulman Al Khalifa and President Kenan Evren of Turkey.

Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi, who had not been expected to attend, left open the possibility that he might yet show up.

He declined to give a direct answer when pressed in an interview with the Kuwaiti paper Al Watan to say definitely whether he was going to attend or not.

He said that the ministers' meeting approved the idea of establishing an Islamic academy for science and technology to be based in Amman and to establish a data bank on irrigation matters.

Germans expected to re-elect Kohl despite low turnout in general elections

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Cold weather kept voter turnout low in West Germany's national elections Sunday, which were expected to return Chancellor Helmut Kohl's conservative coalition government to power. The elections were overshadowed by the country's growing Beirut hostage crisis.

Election officials, blaming cold, rainy weather throughout much of the nation, said turnout was estimated at 55 per cent of eligible voters at mid-afternoon, lower than early turnout in previous years.

Public opinion polls have predicted a widespread victory for

Mr. Kohl and resounding defeat for his Social Democratic opposition leader Johannes Rau.

About 90 per cent of eligible voters normally cast ballots in West Germany. This year some 45 million people were eligible to vote.

Mr. Kohl, 56, a conservative who appeals to strong family values, led a deliberately optimistic campaign, emphasising West Germany's healthy economy. He also capitalised on an upbeat national mood, which has been dampened by the recent kidnappings of two German businessmen in Beirut. Campaigning under the slogan

"more of the same," the chancellor repeatedly emphasised the country's zero inflation rate and steady economic growth.

Mr. Kohl, a Christian Democrat, has been chancellor since October 1982.

Mr. Rau, a personable, populist state governor, was hampered throughout the campaign by divisions between the left and right wings of his Social Democratic Party.

Mr. Rau, also 56, failed to stimulate voters with his calls for a gradual end to nuclear power plants and the removal of U.S.-built nuclear missiles throughout Europe.

Palestinian protester arrested in Gaza

TEL AVIV (R) — A Palestinian protester hurled a petrol bomb Sunday at Israeli parliamentary police in occupied Gaza but caused no injuries, an army spokeswoman said.

She said the attacker was arrested.

In a separate incident, an Israeli motorist fired shots in the air after Arabs threw stones at his car. No one was hurt.

State radio said the unrest was part of Palestinian protests against the military's decision earlier this month to expel Mohammad Yousef Dahlan, suspected of leading a commando youth movement in Gaza.

Dahlan, a resident of the Gaza town of Khan Yunis, can appeal against the expulsion order to a military tribunal and the Israeli supreme court.

Israel occupied the Gaza Strip, home to 600,000 Palestinians, in the 1967 Middle East war.

In the occupied West Bank, the windcreens of two Israeli cars were smashed by Palestinian protesters in separate incidents in Ramallah and Shufat Refugee Camp near Jerusalem, army officials said. There were no injuries.

Israeli soldiers ordered Palestinian students at Al Najah University on the West Bank to take down anti-Israel posters on the campus.

Israeli occupation authorities closed the university for more than two weeks earlier this month in an effort to stop protests against 20 years of Israeli occupation.

Iran panel asked to delay immunity for witnesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers say it is too early to decide whether to honour a request that they refuse to grant immunity to two former White House aides who have refused to answer questions on the Iran arms sales affair.

A partisan split appeared to be developing on the issue, however, with Democrats favouring and Republicans opposing the request by independent counsel Lawrence Walsh. He asked that the select House and Senate committees investigating the matter withhold immunity from former National Security Adviser Vice Adm. John Poindexter and Lt. Col. Oliver North.

A purely partisan split would favour the Democrats, who hold nine of 15 places on the House committee, and six of 11 spots on the Senate panel.

Representative Henry Hyde, a Republican on the House panel, said he expected that both committees ultimately would grant some form of immunity to either Col. North or Adm. Poindexter, or both, but that the



Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke and the accompanying delegation on Sunday visit the site of excavations in the Jordan Valley being carried out by Australian archaeologists in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities (Petra photo)

Australian premier visits Petra

AMMAN (Petra) — Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, and the accompanying Australian delegation on Sunday visited the historical city of Petra in the south.

Mr. Hawke was accompanied during the visit by Minister of Information, Culture, Tourism and Antiquities Mohammad Al Khatib, Tourism Authority Director General Nasir Atallah, Department of Antiquities Director General Dr. Adnan Al Hadidi, Australian Ambassador in Amman Terry Goggin and the Jordanian ambassador to Australia.

Upon arrival at Petra, they were received by Ma'an Governor Eid Al Qamneh, the director of

Ma'an Police Department and a number of senior officials in the governorate.

The Australian guests toured the archaeological site and was briefed on its treasures and its civilisation.

Mr. Khatib hosted a lunch banquet at Petra Forum Hotel in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Hawke and the accompanying delegation.

Mr. Khatib presented the Petra Model as a commemorative gift to Mr. Hawke.

Mr. Hawke's tour on Sunday started with a visit to the Tabqat Fahel archaeological area in the northern Jordan Valley where he viewed a joint project being

carried out by an Australian archaeological team and the Department of Antiquities.

Mr. Hawke stressed the importance of further promoting cooperation between the two countries in this field.

Mr. Hawke was briefed by the head of the Australian team working at the site on the stages of excavation completed and on the historical significance of antiquities discovered.

Mr. Hawke arrived in Amman Friday for talks with Jordanian officials on the Arab-Israeli conflict and means of boosting Jordanian-Australian trade relations.

Students, teachers call for strike after abduction of BUC professors

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Students and teachers Sunday called for a general strike tomorrow and call on all universities and schools to take part. The BUC Executive Council suspended classes until further notice and called for the protection of educational institutes from sectarian strife.

The professors' wives said: "All four of them had decided to stay in Lebanon despite strong advice from their families and friends against staying, out of love for their students, their love for Lebanon and their love for the Arab World."

"Our husbands are not involved in politics at all. They are dedicated teachers and scholars whose sole purpose is to serve their students adequately," they said in a statement.

The Falangist Voice of Lebanon radio said it had received an anonymous telephone call on behalf of the "Organisation of the Oppressed of the World" claiming responsibility for the professors' kidnapping.

Two days ago, the radio station reported a similar claim on behalf of the same group for the recent abductions of West Germans Rudolf Cordes, 53, and Alfred Schmidt, 47.

Their seizure was linked by West German sources to the arrest in Frankfurt on Jan. 13 of a Lebanese hijack suspect.

Voice of Lebanon, which operates from east Beirut, said a caller claiming to speak for the kidnappers had told the radio that one of the hostages would be "eliminated" unless the suspect, Mohammad Ali Hamadi, was released by midnight.

In a telephone call broadcast by the radio, the speaker also called on U.S. President Reagan not to interfere in the Iran-Iraq war, "otherwise his hostages will be finished."

There was no way of verifying the claims.

Meanwhile a West German newspaper said a Lebanese middleman was expected to arrive in Bonn Sunday to help negotiate the release of the two West Germans held hostage in Lebanon, but officials declined to comment on the report.

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Kuwait to take over symbolic leadership of Islamic World

KUWAIT (R) — A desert trading post and pearl-diving backwater until it struck oil, Kuwait today is an ultra-modern cosmopolitan city-state, ready to assume the symbolic leadership of the Islamic World.

The emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, hosts a summit of the 46 member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) whose leaders represent one billion Muslims around the globe.

For the rest of the decade he will hold the mantle of OIC chairman, which will pass to him from Morocco's King Hassan who hosted the last triennial summit in Casablanca in 1984.

The choice of Kuwait to host Monday's summit underlines a strategic and international role vastly greater than the country's size of 18,000 square kilometres and population of 1.7 million people might suggest.

Kuwait, ruled by the Al Sabah Dynasty for 250 years and independent from Britain since 1961, has far more crude oil per square metre than any other country, with reserves third in size only to those of the Soviet Union and Saudi Arabia.

Oil was struck in 1938. Kuwait has an OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) output quota of 948,000 barrels per day but could pump well over double that. Reserves would last over 250 years at current production levels.

Kuwait has used its oil windfall wisely, setting aside 10 per cent of annual income in a "nest egg" for future generations as part of \$80

billion in national savings built up at home and abroad since the 1970s oil boom. At the same time, it has given freely to less fortunate Third World countries making it the world's most generous aid donor.

Latest figures compiled by the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) show Kuwait spent 2.72 per cent of its 1985 gross national product on Third World development aid, more than any other country.

The emirate has often stated its desire to exist as "an oasis of peace." But in the turmoil of Middle East politics, diplomats say, this is easier said than done.

"Kuwait is caught on the fringes of a destructive whirlpool, constantly on guard against the risk of being sucked in," says a senior Western diplomat.

The Iran-Iraq warfront is only 80 kilometres away. Iran is boycotting the summit because of Kuwait backing for Iraq. Down the Gulf, tankers serving Kuwait ports have drawn five missile attacks this month, which shipping sources in the region blame on Iranian warships.

Pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon have threatened action if the summit goes ahead. One claimed responsibility for a bomb explosion in Kuwait city Saturday

night and for small fires at oil installations earlier in the week. No casualties and only minor damage were reported.

With armed forces numbering only 13,000 men, a major plank of Kuwait's foreign policy has been to aim for good relations with potential enemies and close ties with a wide array of nations on whose diplomatic support it could count.

Kuwait was the first Gulf Arab state to establish ties with China and the Soviet Union, to balance relations with the West.

The world's longest-serving foreign minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who was appointed in 1963, is credited as co-architect with the emir of a "friends with all" Non-Aligned policy.

Kuwait has weathered several domestic upheavals in recent years, including a collapse of local stock markets resulting in a spectacular debt mountain of \$95 billion and a string of bomb attacks.

Citing economic and security crises, the emir, who survived an assassination attempt in 1985, dissolved Kuwait's National Assembly last July — until then the only parliament in the Gulf Arab region.

OIC seeks solidarity

Meanwhile the OIC is seeking to rank beside the superpowers as the voice of all Muslims around the world.

But the 46-member body still faces major challenges within the Islamic World: The Iran-Iraq war,

the Soviet presence in Afghanistan, the Lebanon crisis and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

These problems will be debated during the three-day meeting, although little concrete progress is expected.

In the leadup to the summit, however, Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah said Islamic leaders must turn words into actions. "Any failure means there will be no more Islamic conferences," he declared.

The OIC was formally established in May 1971 as an Islamic solidarity body in reaction to the 1969 burning of the revered Al Aqsa Mosque in occupied East Jerusalem.

"The fifth Islamic summit will work for Islamic solidarity and joint action for building a great Islamic power that will rank alongside the superpowers," the official press agency of founding-member Saudi Arabia stated.

The OIC scored a political success in 1974 when it persuaded Pakistan to recognise Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan until severed by revolt and war from the western part of the country.

The organisation reacted strongly to the 1979 U.S.-sponsored peace treaty between Egypt and Israel and the Soviet military move into Afghanistan the same year.

It promptly suspended Egypt's membership, although this was restored at the last summit in Morocco in 1984. Afghanistan's membership was suspended in January 1980.

Israeli on death row appeals to Mubarak

TEL AVIV (R) — The lawyer of an Israeli sentenced to death in Egypt for smuggling heroin appealed Sunday to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to commute the sentence.

Egypt's court of cassation on Thursday confirmed the death penalty on Youssef Amin Tahan and rejected his appeal for a jail sentence. Tahan was sentenced last February after being convicted of trying to smuggle more than a one kilogramme (2.2 pounds) of heroin into Egypt.

Lawyer Zvi Lidski said he petitioned Mr. Mubarak through the Egyptian embassy in Tel Aviv on behalf of Tahan's wife Violet and their four young children.

It is not known when Tahan, in his 40s, is due to be executed. As required by Egyptian law, a council of Muslim theologians has approved the death sentence.

Tahan was arrested at Cairo airport in August 1985. He said he brought the heroin, concealed in a toothpaste tube, cigarette packets and a biscuit box, from Bombay to take overland from Egypt to Israel.

The Jerusalem Post quoted Moshe Sasson, Israeli Ambassador in Egypt, Sunday as saying he would not intervene in the case while lawyers were involved. He said the Tahan affair was a sensitive issue.

Egypt is the only Arab state to sign a peace treaty with Israel. The government in Cairo, facing a growing drug menace, has urged courts to pass death sentences for smuggling and trafficking in hard drugs.

Beirut gunmen stage boldest kidnap yet

BEIRUT (R) — "Don't worry. This is only a show," Robert Polhill said when Beirut kidnappers dressed as policemen dragged him away with three other foreign academics as their wives looked on aghast.

The group's abduction from the campus of Beirut University College (BUC) Saturday night was the boldest operation since the kidnapping of foreigners in violence-plagued mainly Muslim west Beirut escalated three years ago.

The seizure of Polhill, Alan Steen, Jesse Turner all U.S. nationals, and Mihailashwar Singh an Indian believed to hold U.S. citizenship, brought the number of foreigners now missing, believed kidnapped, to 25. Most were seized singly from the streets.

The guards said the four Americans lived on the campus and never ventured onto the lawless streets of west Beirut.

After nightfall the same gunmen, still dressed in blue-and-grey

was like the Hollywood movies we see," said one.

Four clean-shaven men carrying U.S.-made M-16 rifles arrived in a police van at the BUC campus at noon Saturday and spoke to a college employee.

They told him they wanted to arrange a meeting with foreign staff to discuss better security arrangements for them.

A college official said the authorities asked Lebanese police earlier this week for extra security measures and an employee said he had had no doubts that the four kidnappers were policemen.

"They even gave the employee the name of a police officer who was in charge in west Beirut," the official said.

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After nightfall the same gunmen, still dressed in blue-and-grey

police uniforms and using police walkie-talkies, returned to the college and drove their van through the main gate.

The four U.S. citizens had gathered with their wives and a college employee to meet the "policemen."

Minutes later, the kidnappers put a gun to the head of the employee and warned him to keep silent.

They dragged the foreigners from the room at gunpoint and forced them into the van parked near the main gate.

The wives burst into tears, one guard said.

"I saw the gunmen pointing M-16s to the heads of the four... It was too late to do anything," said another guard, visibly shaken by the experience.

Gunsblasts were heard shortly after the van sped through the main gate and disappeared into the streets of Beirut, witnesses said.

Foreign medical team issues appeal from besieged Beirut refugee camp

BEIRUT (R) — Snipers have shot women searching for water. Rats thrive on huge piles of garbage in narrow alleyways. All windows have been blasted out of the sole, unheated hospital, where medicine and food are running out.

The descriptions come from a report by a foreign medical team on the conditions for 25,000 people living in Beirut's Bourj Al Barajneh Palestinian refugee camp since the Shi'ite Muslim Amal militia laid siege to it last October.

"We as foreign health workers living and working in Bourj Al Barajneh refugee camp declare that the situation is critical and inhuman," the team said in a letter sent to an international news agency.

"We call for an immediate lift of the siege and the admission of

food and medical supplies by international relief agents."

The letter was signed by British doctor Bula Cunniff, Dutch nurse Ben Alest and Scots nurse Susan Wighton.

At least 720 people have been killed in more than three months of savage battles between Amal militiamen and PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) commandos for control of five camps in Beirut and the South.

Peace bids failed to resolve a dispute over who moves first — whether Amal unblocks its sieges or Palestinians withdraw from strategic positions won in the fighting.

The medical team, which works at the camp's Haifa Hospital, said food stocks were running out and drinking water was hard to get.

"There is no flour, no fresh food and so pregnant women and

children are becoming under-nourished. People are eating stale food and suffering vomiting and diarrhoea," it said.

"Water has to be collected from taps in the streets at great personal risk. Several women have been shot by snipers while collecting water for their families."

It said bombardment of the camp had "forced people to crowd into poorly ventilated underground shelters, with no sanitation... several children have severe skin infections."

"Around 35 per cent of the houses in Bourj Al Barajneh have now been destroyed," the team said.

"In the hospital, many medicines have run out. All the windows have been blown out, there is no heating and the water tank was damaged."

Foreigners who refuse to quit Beirut frustrate embassies

BEIRUT (R) — The continued presence of foreigners in Muslim west Beirut is causing the embassies of their countries growing anxiety and frustration.

"We would like them all to get out," said a British diplomat of his estimated 45 fellow-countrymen who apparently refuse to budge from the city's kidnapp-plagued sector.

"Ten of our people there come from a single family of Lebanese origin. Another Englishman is 92 years old and draws a small civil service pension."

"Some have spent most or all of their adult lives there and would obviously find it difficult to settle anywhere else."

Saturday's seizure of four Americans at west Beirut's University College (BUC) has underlined the dangers for those who refuse to heed official advice to leave.

Western embassies routinely contact their citizens by telephone or letter, warning them that they should withdraw from west Beirut unless they have pressing reasons to remain.

Most of the estimated 8,000 foreign nationals still working in Lebanon are the wives or husbands of Lebanese.

The labour ministry figure

includes Arab and Asian nationals, but it excludes diplomats and their families.

"All foreigners are potential targets, but some are at greater risk than others. Unfortunately, individuals say 'it'll never happen to me' and of course it invariably does," said one Western diplomat.

Embassy officials say the level of risk depends on where the foreigner lives, on his or her nationality, and the degree of personal security.

Until the abduction eight days ago of West German businessman Rudolf Cordes, West Germans did not regard themselves as targets for militias roaming west Beirut.

"Long after most of my American, French and British friends left, I would still see Germans sitting at the bar," said a Lebanese woman at one popular meeting place, Sammy's Bar.

A year ago foreigners packed restaurants on west Beirut's seaford before strolling through dimly-lit, deserted streets to the popular backstreet nightclub.

"It was fun," said one Lebanese student. "A party might start at 9 p.m. and end up at a disco at the Summerland Hotel at dawn. There were all kinds of people, from Italian helicopter pilots to

Bulgarian writers."

Few foreigners venture out now — by day or by night.

Most evacuated west Beirut after a spate of hostage-taking and killing prompted by U.S. air raids on Libya last April 15.

Beirut's schools and colleges used to be known as havens from civil war violence and abductions. That too has changed.

U.S. professor Thomas Sutherland, dean of the prestigious American University of Beirut (AUB), is one of several foreign academics held hostage by militants.

On September 12 last year, gunmen entered the tree-lined campus and dragged away another American, Joseph Cicippio.

Mr. Cicippio was clubbed as he was dragged into the street. A university guard was also beaten when he tried to intervene.

But some teachers were still determined to stay on.

"We have no men left, but there are a few foreign women teachers, including Americans," one AUB official said on Sunday.

BUC students said the four foreign lecturers seized there on Saturday by gunmen disguised as policemen had been adamant in staying on.

"They were living on campus and did not leave at all and used to ask porters to buy their things," said one student.

Three Frenchmen, and four French women married to Lebanese, still teach at west Beirut's Protestant College, while another six French nationals — one man and six women — are on the staff of the nearby Lycee Francois, staff said.

British church envoy Terry Waite, currently in Beirut on a fresh mission to secure the release of at least four of the 25 foreign hostages in Lebanon, has repeatedly warned of the dangers to foreigners in the city.

Sheikh Mohammed Fadlallah, spiritual mentor of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God), hinted on Saturday at the difficulties in freeing foreign kidnap victims.

He said his efforts on the hostages' behalf were always confronted by a dead end "which makes me feel that these matters are deeper than people imagine."

Some foreigners have made Lebanon their permanent home, married Muslims and converted to Islam.

Initially, it was believed that integration with west Beirut society would provide some

security, but as the number of potential foreign targets have diminished, Muslim converts have attracted the attentions of kidnappers.

U.S. school head Frank Reed was a Muslim, but was seized by gunmen last September 9. Mr. Cicippio, another convert to Islam, was abducted three days later.

Of Saturday's kidnap victims, U.S. business studies professor Jesse Turner was described by BUC staff as a Muslim.

Some foreigners have employed local militiamen as bodyguards to deter the kidnappers.

"Bodyguard are a mixed blessing," said one foreign photographer. "They stand out like a sore thumb and attract attention."

But one Westerner may be unique among foreigners in Beirut. He is protected by a well-trained bodyguard from Hizbollah (Party of God).

"He knows his job, never asks for money as I feel safe with him," the Westerner said.

Bonn government sources have linked Mr. Cordes' kidnapping with the pro-Iranian Hizbollah, which last week denied involvement in the abduction of foreigners in Lebanon.

TV & RADIO

JORDAN TELEVISION

Tel: 77311119

PROGRAMME ONE

15:30	Koran
15:50	Programme review
15:55	Cartoons
16:10	Tom Sawyer
16:35	Scientific programme (Arabic)
17:00	Different Strokes
17:30	Time to Time
18:00	Arabic series
18:50	Local panel
19:20	Local programme
19:50	Programme review and varieties
20:00	News in Arabic
20:40	Message from Oman
20:50	Arabic series
21:40	Local comedy
22:00	Tomorrow's programme
22:45	Arabic series
23:00	News summary in Arabic
23:10	Arabic varieties
23:40	Close down

PROGRAMME TWO

18:00	Boite aux lettres
19:00	News in French
19:15	Sport magazine (French)
19:30	News in Hebrew
19:45	Magazine Zero One
20:00	News in Arabic
20:30	No Place like Home
21:10	Sandokan (mini series)
22:00	News in English
22:20	The Mugs

RADIO JORDAN

835 KHz. AM & 99 MHz. FM
at party on 9560 KHz. SW
Tel: 77411-19

07:00	Light Music
07:30	News
08:00	Morning Show
08:30	News Summary
09:00	Just a Minute
09:30	Follow the Wing
10:00	News Summary
10:30	Spectrum
11:00	News Summary
11:30	Pop Session Cont.
12:00	News Bulletin
12:30	Comedy
13:00	Concert Hour
13:30	News Summary
14:00	Instrumentals
14:30	Old Favorites
15:00	News Bulletin
15:30	Pop Session
16:00	News Summary
16:30	Sports Round-up

18:30	Music
19:00	News
19:30	Date with a Star
20:00	Evening Show
21:00	News Summary
21:30	Evening Show Cont.
22:00	News Summary
22:30	Evening Show Cont.
23:00	News Summary
23:30	Evening Show Cont.
24:00	Close down

BBC WORLD SERVICE

634, 720, 1323 KHz

06:00	News
06:30	The Wind in the Willows
06:45	Reflections
06:50	World News
07:00	Arabic series
07:30	Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
07:45	Nature Notebook
07:50	Recording of the Week
08:00	World News
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VOICE OF AMERICA

MW 1260 & SW 7200, 9565, 11740, 11925 and 13210 Hz

05:00	News
05:10	Newsline
05:30	VOA Morning
06:00	News
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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

- * An exhibition of photographs entitled "La Ville" at the French Cultural Centre (until Jan. 29).
- * A painting exhibition by Saleh Abu Shidi at the Petra Bank Gallery — Wadi Saqra (until Feb. 3).

FEATURE FILM

- * "Heaven Can Wait" at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

VIDEO

- * "Courtier" at 4:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre	.. tel. 6610267
American Centre	.. 64371
American Centre Library	.. 641520
British Council	.. 6361478
French Cultural Centre	.. 637009
Goethe Institute	.. 641993
Soviet Cultural Centre	.. 644203
Spanish Cultural Centre	.. 624049
Turkish Cultural Centre	.. 639777
Haya Arts Centre	.. 665195
Hussein Youth City	.. 6671816
Y.W.C.A.	.. 664251
Amman Municipal Library	.. 637111
University of Jordan Library	.. 843555

MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 631760.
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabel Al Qai'a (Cinder Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and closed Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists.

Montazah, Jabel Lweideh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.
Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia, dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.
Fesha Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 637169.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the International Hotel, 2:00 p.m.
Royal Automobile Club. Jabel Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel. 815261, 815410.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic): Jabel Amman, Tel. 624590.
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic): Jabel Lweideh, Tel. 637440.
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic): Jabel Hussein, Tel. 661757.
Greek Orthodox Church (Ruman Catholic): Jabel Lweideh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel. 622366.
Church of the Assumption (Greek Orthodox): Abadi, Tel. 623541.
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer): Jabel Amman, Tel. 678906.
American Catholic Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771331.
American Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 775261.

PRAYER TIMES

6:49	Fajr
6:50	(Sunrise)
11:46	Dhuhr
14:43	'Asr
17:46	Maghrib
18:28	'Isha

FOR THE TRAVELLER

QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

This information is supplied by The Royal Jordanian Information Department at the Queen Alia International Airport tel. (08) 53200-5, where it should always be verified.

ARRIVALS

ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

09:00	Amman (RJ)
09:20	Cairo (RJ)
09:25	Jeddah (RJ)
09:30	Muscat, Dubai (RJ)
09:35	Damascus (RJ)
10:00	Abu Dhabi, Kuwait (RJ)
17:00	Amman (RJ)
17:20	Cairo (RJ)
18:45	Casablanca, Tunis (RJ)
18:45	Bangkok (RJ)
01:00	Baghdad (RJ)

OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

07:35	Cairo (MS)
09:20	Santa A. (LH)
12:50	Bahrain (GF)
13:45	Kuwait (KU)
18:25	Beirut (ME)
18:30	Bangkok (JA)

DEPARTURES

ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

06:45	Amman (RJ)
11:30	Paris (RJ)
11:45	Vienna, Chicago, Los Angeles (RJ)
12:15	Frankfurt, Copenhagen (RJ)
13:40	Amman (RJ)
13:50	Cairo (RJ)
20:45	Bahrain, Doha (RJ)
20:45	Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)
20:45	Kuwait (RJ)
21:00	Baghdad (RJ)
21:00	Jeddah (RJ)
21:15	Cairo (RJ)

OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

06:40	Damascus, Athens (OA)
07:30	Istanbul (TK)

08:20	Cairo (MS)
10:10	Frankfurt (LH)
14:00	Beirut, Doha (GF)
15:00	Kuwait (KU)
19:30	Baghdad (IA)

MARITIME TRAFFIC

Regular-line ships docking at Aqaba port:

Hartley Ace	.. 620090
Majja	.. 620090
Kasimara Maru	.. 639142
Bold Eagle	.. 639142

Amn. Kewar and Sons Company, with its new offices in Shamsiye, at their service, tel. 603703/5.

WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

A depression centred over Cyprus is expected to bring cold and rainy weather with a drop in temperatures. Winds will be westerly and fresh with the possibility of snow in the mountains. In Amman it is expected to be partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of scattered showers. Winds will be southerly and fresh, with rough seas.

	Min	Max	Temp.
Amman	9	7/18	
Aqaba	7	7/18	
Desert	8	7/18	
Jordan Valley	8	7/17	

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 10, Aqaba 20. Humidity readings: Amman 71 per cent, Aqaba 35 per cent.

MONEY EXCHANGE

	Sunday rates	Local selling rates in JPs
Belgian franc	182.1	89
Dutch guilder	162.1	89
French franc	54.7	35.2
Italian lira	25.7	26
Japanese yen (for 100)	217.4	220
Swedish crown	50.9	51.3
Swiss franc	207.2	210
U.S. dollar	332.6	335.5
W. German mark	182.7	185.4

USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

EMERGENCIES

Amman governorate	.. 891228
Amman civil defence	.. 198, 199
Civil Defence Unit	.. 271293, 271211
Civil Defence Qat Alia	.. 770773
Civil Defence Qat Amman	.. 57306
Ambulance	.. 193, 775111
Amman downtown fire brigade	.. 198
First aid	.. 639142
Blood bank	.. 778303
Civil Defence rescue	.. 661111
Fire headquarters	.. 622090-3
Police rescue	.. 192, 621111, 637777
Police headquarters	.. 639142
Traffic police	.. 8963901
Electric Power Co.	.. 636381/4, 624881
Municipal water complaints	.. 77125/8
Queen Alia Int. Airport	.. (08) 533060

HOSPITALS

Hussein Medical Centre	.. 813812/32
Khalil Maternity, J. Amn.	.. 642816
Akheil Maternity, J. Amn.	.. 642412
Jabel Amman Maternity	.. 642362
Malhas, J. Amman	.. 636140
Palace of the King	.. 667171
Shamsiye Hospital	.. 669193
University Hospital	.. 845845/65
Al-Monaster Hospital	.. 667227/9
Talaha, Abadi	.. 666127/8
Al-Ahli, Abadi	.. 666120
Italian, Al-Muljiyeen	.. 777101/3
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh	.. 775111/2
Army, Warka	.. 891611/5
Queen Alia Hospital	.. 602400/0
Amal Hospital	.. 674155

GENERAL

Jordan Television	.. 77311/19
Radio Jordan	.. 77411/19
Ministry of Tourism	.. 642311
Hotel complaints	.. 666412
Price complaints	.. 661176
Telephone Information	.. 12
Jordan and Middle East calls	.. 10
Overseas calls	.. 17
Repair service	.. 11

MARKET PRICES

Upper/lower price in JPs per kg.

	Apple (double red and streaked)	Gardic	
Apple (golden)	280/240	600/550	
Banana	280/240	Grapefruit	140/100
Banana (Mulkamam)	270/220	Lemon	80/50
Beans	250/200	Mango	120/100
Broad beans	500/450	Onion (dry)	190/150
Butter	110/70	Onion (green)	190/150
Carrot	100/30	Orange (Abi Sutra)	140/120
Corn (black)	120/100	Orange (Shamouni)	200/190
Corn (yellow)	120/100	Pepper (hot)	300/220
Cauliflower	90/60	Pepper (sweet)	300/220
Chestnut	600/300	Potato	150/150
Cucumber	280/240	Raddish	80/50
Eggplant (small)	230/160	Spinach	120/80
Eggplant (large)	230/160	Strawberries	1600/1200
		Tomatoes	200/150
		Tump	110/70

JEA awards \$1.32m contract for telecommunications system

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) has awarded a contract to an American firm to carry out a telecommunications project for JEA's operations.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will help finance the \$1.32 million project by providing funds in accordance with an agreement signed with the Jordanian government in October 1986. Under the agreement, the U.S. will offer Jordan a grant to help fund technical projects.

The Ministry of Defence's special communications

commission will draw up the specifications and designs for the project and will also supervise its implementation.

The project entails linking a number of JEA's projects with a modern network to transfer information and data through a computerised system. When completed, the project will help ensure telecommunications between the JEA and its various projects speedily and efficiently.

The contract was signed by JEA Director General Mohammed Sa'id Arata and the president of the American firm.

Jordanian-Iraqi company reviews factory purchases

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — The bases for transferring the public ownership of a Jordanian tomato paste factory and an Iraqi plant for pickling vegetables to the joint Jordanian-Iraqi Industries Company (JIIC) were discussed by the company's board of directors on Sunday.

The purchase agreement for the two factories was earlier agreed during the last meetings of the higher joint Jordanian-Iraqi Committee which is co-chaired by the prime ministers of both countries.

In an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Under Secretary at the Iraqi Ministry of Light Industries Usama Abdul Razzaq said Sunday's meeting also reviewed technical and administrative matters related to the two companies operations, scheduled to start in the very near future. No date for their actual operation was given by Mr. Abdul Razzaq.

The Al Arda tomato juice and paste plant, run by the Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company of Jordan

(AMPCO), and the Iraqi government-owned vegetable pickling plant were bought by the JIIC for JD 250,000 each.

The meeting also reviewed future schemes to be implemented by the JIIC.

The meeting also named Iraqi engineer Adnan Younis as the JIIC director general.

The Jordanian side to the meeting is represented by Mohammad Al Saqaf, Under Secretary at the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and the JIIC chairman of the board, director general of the Natural Resources Authority (NRA), Omar Sha'aban from the Industry Ministry and Salem Al Ukkour from the Ministry of Agriculture.

The Baghdad-based JIIC was set up two years ago with a paid up capital of JD 20 million, contributed equally by the Jordanian and Iraqi sides. Two million shares at the cost of JD 10 each were sold to the private sectors in both countries.

The Iraqi-based vegetable pickling company will use raw materials from both Jordan and Iraq and the tomato paste factory will use Jordanian tomatoes.

Jordan requests ILO to help Arab workers under Israeli rule

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan on Sunday urged the international community and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to give proper attention to the conditions of Arab workers living under Israeli rule and to help preserve the rights of those workers in accordance with United Nations charters.

The appeal was made by Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan during a meeting with a United Nations fact-finding mission entrusted with investigating the conditions of Arab workers in the Israeli-held Arab territory.

The minister told the mission, which is currently on a tour of the region, that the conditions of Arab workers have seriously deteriorated due to Israel's illegal and arbitrary measures.

The minister referred to the ILO's declarations of 1974 and

1980 in which the organisation reaffirmed the need for establishing social justice and peace, and respect of people's basic rights and freedoms in accordance with ILO agreements. He said that Jordan appreciates the ILO's endeavours to preserve the rights of Arab workers and the organisations' efforts to deal with the deteriorating conditions of Arab labourers under Israeli rule.

Israel, the minister said, is continuing to violate the basic rights of Arab labourers and is exercising pressure on Arab labour unions as it implements its colonial and settlement policies in the occupied Arab territory.

The minister appealed to the mission to study in detail the conditions of Arab workers and the effect of Israel's settlement and colonial policies on their living conditions, and to include this in their report.

Association prepares for sixth Jordanian dental conference

by Jordanian firms.

Dental Day

AMMAN (Petra) — The sixth Jordanian dental conference will be held in the middle of April under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The Jordanian Dentists Association (JDA) is organising the conference in which at least 300 local, Arab and foreign dentists will be taking part, according to JDA president Walid Maraga.

He said that the participants will discuss 25 working papers dealing with dentistry and that the JDA will organise an exhibition of medical equipment during the conference to display samples of equipment produced or imported

Meanwhile, the JDA's committee in charge of organising a Dental Day in Jordan on Sunday reviewed preparations for the event which is due to be held on March 9.

A JDA spokesman said that the event will entail lectures on dental health, examining school children's teeth and an exhibition designed to spread awareness among members of the public on the importance of dental care.

The event will be carried out in cooperation with the Ministries of Health and Education.

AMPCO plans storage facilities, continues export activities

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company of Jordan (AMPCO) plans to set up a number of cold stores to store up to 15,000 tonnes of locally produced potatoes and onions and a special technical team is currently studying offers from a number of companies to carry out the project.

Speaking to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, about AMPCO's programmes and activities, Mr. Abu Hassan said that since early last year, AMPCO has been operating three centres for grading and packing fruit and vegetables at Wadi Al Yabis, Al Arda and 'South Shumeh' in the Jordan Valley region. The graded crops include potatoes and onions as well as tomatoes, lemons, marrows, eggplants, peppers, oranges, grapefruit and mandarines — all of which are exported to Arab and European countries, Mr. Abu Hassan said.

To enable the company to continue its export operations, AMPCO has bought two million wooden crates and plans to purchase two million cartons in which to pack fruit and vegetable going to Europe, Mr. Abu Hassan said.

According to Mr. Abu Hassan, the company is taking care of marketing Jordanian crops in local markets and also in Arab and European nations and for this purpose it carries out regular studies on the Jordanian market's needs of commodities, and the requirements of other markets as well.

At present, AMPCO is encouraging local farmers to grow beet and oil-producing plants for which there is an export as well as a domestic market and the company is continually exploring possibilities for the production of new types of crops to satisfy the needs of markets, Mr. Abu Hassan added. In so doing, he said, AMPCO is helping Jordan carry out a sound agricultural policy.

AMPCO has been steadily helping to increase the export of Jordanian agricultural crops to Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and countries of the

European Community, Mr. Abu Hassan pointed out. He said that last year AMPCO exported 21,000 tonnes of tomatoes, 2,900 tonnes of lemons, 4,581 tonnes of eggplants and 1,000 tonnes of marrows to Syria, in addition to 3,206 tonnes of various crops to Lebanon and 650 tonnes to Saudi Arabia which was recently visited by an AMPCO team to investigate the market needs there.

The team visited other countries in the Gulf region and signed contracts for selling Jordanian crops to them, Mr. Abu Hassan noted.

He said that the first shipment of Jordanian crops went to Kuwait on Dec. 21, the second on Dec. 24 and that more crops will be exported to Kuwait in accordance with a set programme. Oman and Bahrain have been included in AMPCO's programmes and talks are underway to sell them Jordanian crops, Mr. Abu Hassan noted.

He said that last year, an AMPCO team toured countries of the European Community and signed contracts to sell them Jordanian crops. So far, four

Higher committee okays JD 8.33m allocation to occupied territories

Dudin announces salary payments for teachers and development schemes in nine regions

By Sana Atiyeh
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A total of JD 8,334,521 has been allocated for 1987 to implement development projects and to meet outstanding salaries for teachers on the government payroll in the occupied territories, Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin announced on Sunday.

The allocations were endorsed Sunday morning by the higher committee for occupied territories affairs which met under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Zaki Rifai.

Mr. Dudin said JD 3,409,100 of the total sum has been earmarked for the immediate execution of a number of development projects in the occupied West Bank. The Gaza Strip will receive JD 1.5 million for projects, he added.

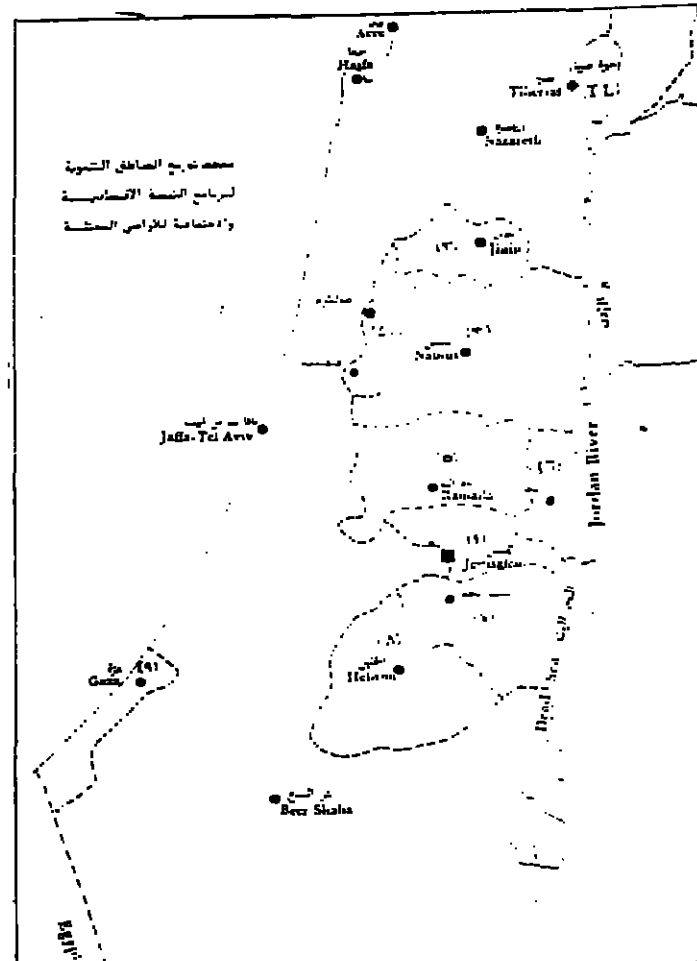
Speaking at a press conference, Mr. Dudin noted that under the scheme, the West Bank would be divided into eight development regions. The Jerusalem region will receive JD 288,500 for water, health and social services; JD 452,000 has been allocated for electricity, health and social services in the Jenin region; the third region, Nablus, will obtain JD 696,200 for different services, including road asphalt and educational programmes; JD 255,000 has been allocated for Tulkarem and Qalqilia's projects; JD 251,000 for the Ramallah region; the Jericho area will be

given JD 83,500, and JD 544,000 has been earmarked for projects in Bethlehem. The largest share, JD 828,500 goes to the Hebron area, which includes several small nearby towns.

The minister also stated that a further JD 3,925,521 annually will be channelled in the form of salaries for government teachers employed in the occupied territories after 1967.

This sum includes 50 per cent of the basic salary of each of the 6,381 teachers and 661 staff members in the West Bank. It also includes JD 25 to JD 35 monthly for each of Gaza's 2,400 teachers and staff — effective from Jan. 1, 1987. This decision will be re-evaluated at the end of each fiscal year.

Concerning PLO participation in the development plan, Mr. Dudin said: "We still have not received any feedback from the PLO, although we are open to whoever wants to participate or contribute to the plan for the occupied territories."



West Bank and Gaza Strip's nine development regions: Jerusalem (1), Jenin (2), Nablus (3), Tulkarem (4), Ramallah (5), Jericho (6), Bethlehem (7), Hebron (8) and Gaza (9).

Marriott marks 5th anniversary

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Despite the shrinking market in Jordan's hotel business, the Amman Marriott hotel has managed to meet its profit target while maintaining a high standard of services.

Today, the Amman Marriott celebrates its fifth anniversary and has plans for long term projects designed to improve the hotel's social activities and services to its residents and the Jordanian community.

Ever since its establishment in 1981, the hotel has cooperated with charitable societies in organising sports and charitable events to help the underprivileged members of the community, which in turn contributed to the hotel's popularity and increasing profitability.

"Our prime target is to maintain on the Marriott's internationally-known high-standards while increasing profits," according to the hotel's general manager Haile Agullar. "The hotel is trying to keep up its development momentum to be the leader in town," he told the Jordan Times in an interview.

Not only has it managed to keep up with local market's demands, the Amman Marriott, which has been listed in the top 50 business hotels in the world, has more projects designed to expand and improve the hotel's contribution to the local community, added Mr. Agullar. Mr. Agullar, who was been active in rallying in the Kingdom, has won several international prizes in motor racing.

One of these projects, which is under study, consists of building a covered parking lot, the terrace of which will be used as venue for summer social parties, Mr. Agullar said.

Local staff

Ever since its first day of operation, the hotel has considered a top priority to be increasing the number of Jordanian employees by gradually reducing its reliance on foreign manpower. Mr. Agullar underlined. In 1982, local employees made up 38 per cent of the staff, rising to more than 70 per cent at present, he said, adding that 70 per cent of the management are Jordanian. In the long run, all foreign employees will be replaced by Jordanians with the exception of the food and beverages section which is run by highly qualified personnel.

The Amman hotel consists of 296 rooms, suites and studios. Recently, the Marriott hotel organised a trip to Paris and London for local journalists as one of its annual tours. The trip's itinerary included social activities, meetings with British and French officials and visits to historic sites in both countries.

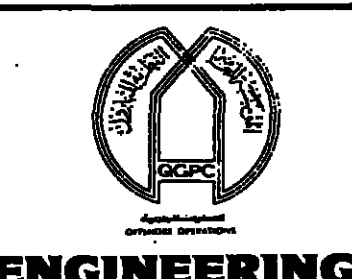
The hotel's sales manager Samir Daqqaq was presented with the



Haile Agullar

Marriott's marketing and sales award for the year 1986. The Amman hotel is part of the worldwide Marriott chain of more than 140 hotels, resorts and franchised inns with a total of nearly 61,000 rooms.

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ENGINEERING

Qatar General Petroleum Corporation is the national oil company for the state of Qatar and is currently seeking well qualified and experienced personnel to fill the following positions within its Offshore Operations.

SENIOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

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Hopes for the summit

THE fifth summit of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, representing some 850 million Muslims all over the world, will hold its first meeting today. In a few days the world will know what kind of summit it was and will judge it on the basis of its achievements. In particular, the Islamic peoples will have an opportunity to determine whether the summit was largely rhetorical in nature or a turning point for Islamic cooperation and coordination. The Islamic peoples have developed an allergy to shallow and verbose resolutions that are not likely to see the light of day, and that is why the summiters should be cautioned that the future and relevancy of the OIC hangs in the balance. How they deal with the long and voluminous agenda of the fifth summit will be the final arbiter of the functional usefulness of the organisation.

Indeed, the agenda of the fifth summit is laden with issues, ranging from political problems — the Palestinian conflict, the Iran-Iraq war, Israeli nuclear threat, and South Africa — to juridical and humanitarian questions — the creation of an Islamic Court of Justice, and the articulation and adoption of an Islamic covenant on human rights.

On the Arab front, the kings and heads of state will have an opportunity during the Islamic summit to hold their own discussions on the side. This would be a most welcome development and could serve as a prelude to a future formal Arab summit. Needless to say, the fate of the Islamic summit is heavily dependent on the degree of harmony and understanding that the Arab leaders can reach among themselves. Seen from this point, the Arab summiters carry with them both the seeds of success for the Islamic summit and the prescription for its failure. Neither the Arab World, nor the broader Islamic World, will ever forgive the Arab participants if they fail to contribute concretely to the general welfare and well being of the Islamic World at large.

With this in mind, we welcome the projected talks between the Arab League and the OIC to institutionalise their relations and put them on a more functional basis. Likewise, we would welcome future talks between the OIC and the U.N., the EEC, and any other regional organisation that could enhance the relevancy of the OIC in the world. We must caution ourselves, however, that though we must deal with problems and challenges in the Islamic World together, we must not lose sight of the fact that we are also an integral part of humanity and must seek harmonious and good relations with other civilisations, religions, and cultures with a view to making this world a safer one to live in. The OIC can play a critical and dynamic role in international affairs by bringing to bear the true Islamic ways and thoughts on the problems of the day, and thereby make Islam relevant and operational. The first gigantic tests before the OIC now is surely the Iran-Iraq war and the Palestinian conflict. If the summit ends in a few days without the adoption of effective and decisive measures to address these two pressing issues, the world and the Islamic peoples will surely hold this latest summit in contempt. The responsibilities of the Kuwait summit hang heavy on the consciences and souls of everyone.

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Al Ra'i: Hopes for Islamic solidarity

THE Islamic summit opening in Kuwait Monday offers a very good chance for the leaders of the Islamic nation to re-build unity and strengthen the Arab and Islamic countries' stand. Solidarity should not remain an empty slogan and ought to be translated into practice and take the form of cooperation in political, economic and military affairs specially under the present circumstances. No doubt the leaders attending the summit in Kuwait realise the need for such solidarity and also the enormous burden on the Arab and Islamic masses due to continued conflicts, conspiracies against the Arabs and Muslims and also inter-Arab and inter-Islamic differences. But perhaps the most important task the Muslim leaders should be tackling at the moment is the Iran-Iraq war which is serving the Israeli objectives and those forces hostile to Muslims and Arabs, wishing to maintain domination over the Arab and Islamic countries. We do not expect from the participants in the Kuwait summit to change the situation overnight, nor do we believe that problems can be solved so readily, but we do hope that the Muslim leaders will take effective steps towards solutions and towards re-establishing solidarity and ending differences among Islamic governments and Arab leaders. The participants in the Kuwait summit no doubt realise the dangers and the challenges their nations are now facing, and therefore they ought to forego their differences and embark on measures to save their nations.

Al Dustour: Hawke hears Jordan's view

IN his meeting with visiting Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, King Hussein reiterated Jordan's firm position with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict. He said Jordan seeks to convene an international peace conference on the Middle East as to arrive at a lasting settlement for the conflict. The King's views were echoed by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai during the official Jordanian-Australian talks. Jordan, the prime minister said, seeks an implementation of United Nations resolutions and the application of international principles and laws with regard to the Middle East question. Jordan's position has drawn support from European nations and also from the United Nations. This position is based on justice and seeks a lasting peace, and for this reason the Australian prime minister displayed understanding for it and appreciation of Jordan's world-wide efforts to end the conflict and establish peace. We appreciate Mr. Hawke's interest in the Middle East question, and his support for the rights of the Arab people. We therefore hope that the Australian prime minister's visit to the region will bear good results. We also hope that Mr. Hawke's visit to Jordan will pave the way for a wider range of cooperation between Jordan and Australia and serve the cause of stability and peace.

Sawt Al Shaab: Good signals from Kuwait

THE Kuwait Islamic summit meeting faces a fat agenda of subjects ranging from differences among Arab and Islamic nations to conflicts and social, economic and political struggles. But nevertheless, reports speak of the presence of positive indications that the summit will be successful. One reason for this can be detected from the positive outcome of the Islamic foreign ministers meeting which preceded the summit and the consensus the ministers reached over basic issues. This has no doubt paved the way for the Islamic leaders to embark on their mission with more enthusiasm and with a greater sense of cooperation. Arab and Muslim nations will be watching out for fruitful results to come out of the Kuwait meeting. Arab and Muslim masses are awaiting the rebirth of a new dawn, of Islamic unity that can safeguard the rights and the interests of Islam.

New approaches to the Palestinian conflict

By Dr. Waleed Sa'di

IN the midst of the quests and calls for an international peace conference on the Palestinian conflict, it would be prudent to keep in perspective that holding such a conference is not and should never be the objective per se but rather the means to an end.

Yet one gets the impression nowadays from the various Arab political activities in this context that there is a tendency in the Arab World to gloss over the fundamental differences between the means and the end and in the process the delineation line between them has become distorted.

His Majesty King Hussein recently cautioned the prospects for holding such a conference on the Middle East are not very good in view of the Israeli intransigence on the mechanics and objectives of the conference and because of the tensions which exist between the superpowers. One can easily add that the existing tensions between the Arab capitals and the aftermath of the Iran scandal are further impediments to a successful conference on the Palestinian case.

Even if one can put the foregoing facts aside, the overwhelming and astronomical gap between the minimalist Israeli conception of peace in our area and the corresponding minimalist Arab demands as basis for a just and durable peace between the Arabs and Israel still hangs heavily over the whole exercise of trying to get the Arabs and Israel to negotiate under the U.N. umbrella. It would indeed be over optimistic to expect any such international peace conference to succeed in bridging this whole of fundamental differences between the two sides. It is true that the Arab parties have accepted U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 as basis for a just resolution of the Palestinian conflict and that Israel had not formally rejected the said two resolutions formal approval and

acceptance, still to render these two resolutions operational under a U.N. umbrella is a formidable task and a mammoth objective. Given the situations and conditions prevailing regionally and internationally, one has to be over optimistic to believe that the relevant Security Council resolutions on the Palestinian conflict could be enforced and rendered operational under any umbrella or even tent. The road between holding the aspired for conference and achieving any meaningful results is clearly long and tortuous and not likely to bear fruit in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Arab World in particular and the international community in general would be well advised to seek and articulate alternatives to the doomed-to-failure conference on the Palestinian case. And lest there be any lingering hopes that the Arab side would or could eventually deviate from their declared position that the only negotiations that they would entertain with Israel would have to be under the auspices of the United Nations and on the basis of total Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories especially Jerusalem, it must be emphasised that all the Arab parties are treaty bound as per the various Arab summit resolutions to adhere to such a position. Therefore it must be accepted as a foregone conclusion that the Arab side is decisively and permanently locked in to the position dictated by the Arab summits. And in view of the dilemma which has emerged because of the irreconcilable differences between the Arabs and Israel, common sense would necessitate that the international community and the Arab World must begin the search for operational alternatives and be prepared for the inevitable failure of the present exercises. One hopes that the parties to the conflict should not be forced to raise the stakes for the

international community, especially the big and powerful countries among them, to such an extent as to force them to take on the Palestinian conflict head on and with the prerequisite determination and political will. I think the one singular viable alternative is to have the secretary-general of the U.N. call for a meeting by the permanent members of the Security Council on the foreign ministers level as a prelude to a general meeting of the Security Council also on the foreign ministers level with a view to articulate and adopt new decisive approaches to the Palestinian conflict on the basis of its former resolutions. Such a procedure would be at par with secretary-general's own proposal to convene the U.N. Security Council on the foreign ministers level to deal forcefully and decisively with the Iran-Iraq war.

It must have dawned on the international community by now especially the superpowers and the rest of the permanent members of the Security Council of the U.N. that if left alone, the Arabs and Israel would not and could not reach a solution which could be just, reasonable and durable. The precedent established by Egypt cannot be repeated for many reasons and factors the mention and explanation of which would go beyond the scope of this writing. It is incumbent on those who seek a solution of Palestinian conflict to knock on the door of the U.N. Security Council afresh with new perspectives and orientations but on the same basis and foundation which became already common denominators between the parties to the conflict. As the primary international organ concerned with international peace and security, the U.N. Security Council, especially its permanent members are duty bound to deal with the Palestinian conflict in a more forceful and determined manner.

Afghan guerrillas vow to fight until victorious

By Barry Renfrew
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Muslim guerrillas, rejecting calls to end Afghanistan's 7-year-old internal war, say peace will not return to their country until the last Soviet soldier leaves and the Communist government overthrown.

The guerrilla alliance has scorned as a propaganda ploy the Soviet-backed government's unilateral cease-fire that began Jan. 15 and its offer of national reconciliation.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, head of Hezbi-I-Islami, one of the seven main guerrilla groups, said the insurgents will fight until the Afghan people can decide their own future.

The guerrillas say the majority of Afghans want an independent, Islamic republic which is impossible as long as Soviet troops remain in the overwhelmingly Muslim nation.

"We want peace, but there is no other way for us," Hekmatyar said.

The Afghan government, he said, will not abandon its plans to build a revolutionary Socialist state closely tied to the Soviet Union. It has maintained that the war will end and Soviet troops leave only when the guerrillas give up and accept Kabul's Communist authority.

The United States and Pakistan, which aid the guerrillas, have questioned the recent Afghan government and Soviet calls for an end to the war. The United States and Pakistan say a political settlement depends on a swift withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

Guerrilla forces stepped up operations after Jan. 15 to underscore their rejection of the cease-fire.

Guerrilla leaders say the Soviets are unlikely to seek a genuine reconciliation after seven years of fighting and endure the international embarrassment of what would be seen as a Soviet defeat.

"How could the Soviets accept a real reconciliation which would destroy everything they have tried to do for the past seven years?" said Mohammed Eshaq, a guerrilla official.

Abdul Haq, a top military commander, summed up the guerrilla position by saying, "This war is going to go on for a long time and there will be much bloodshed."

We have no choice but to fight." Western analysts and other observers agree the Kabul government is dependent on Soviet military support. Five million Afghans, or a third of the pre-war population, are living in refugee camps in Pakistan and Iran because of the war.

United Nations reports on human rights in Afghanistan say the government has built a police state responsible for thousands of political executions and widespread repression.

Government officials have admitted many people have been executed and tortured in the past, but blame it on leaders who have since been removed.

Afghan Communist leader Najib has said in several speeches on national reconciliation that the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan will not give up its power. He said opponents of the state must accept its authority and teachings.

"National reconciliation is aimed at peace and security ... and the consolidation of a regime loyal to the friendship of the Soviet Union," Najib told the party's central committee when announcing the reconciliation offer Jan. 1.

"Compromise does not mean yielding or retreating on our part," Najib added.

The Afghan government and Moscow both insist the guerrillas have no popular support and there would be no war but for the interference of the United States and other nations.

Pakistani officials are waiting to see if a new withdrawal proposal is made when talks between the United Nations and the Afghan government resume in Geneva sometime in February. The Geneva talks must first work out a timetable on withdrawing Soviet forces before a political settlement can be reached.

The timetable is seen by American and Soviet officials as crucial because the agreement also would call for an immediate end of foreign aid to the guerrillas. Pakistan is seeking a Soviet withdrawal within four months, while the Afghan government has proposed four years.

A long timetable would allow Soviet forces to remain in Afghanistan and defeat the guerrillas once aid had been cut off. However, a short timetable would leave the Kabul government to face the guerrillas by itself.



Deir Dibwan — a town with American 'grandeur'

By Hugh Schofield

THE town of Deir Dibwan is an unremarkable-looking place. The little cluster of ruins you see as you drive in, immediately lending the town a wistful air of vanished grandeur, are sadly not original. They were pillaged a few years ago from a couple of nearby sites by a team of visiting archaeologists, who erected a totally unauthentic, but otherwise attractive, rounda-like structure as an expression of gratitude for the town's hospitality. They have been pretty much defaced by now anyway. Half the columns have been torn down, and PLO slogans adorn the rest. Otherwise Deir Dibwan conforms more or less to the standard description of a medium-sized West Bank village, with its mosque, its garish municipality building (doubling as post-office), its handful of corner-shops and coffee-houses, and its jumble of unpaved lanes and alleys.

Only one thing strikes you as slightly peculiar — the prodigious amount of new building going on. All over the outskirts of the town, huge mansions have started appearing — vast, structureless affairs, like children's creations — all concrete, glass and ironwork — with steep, asphalt driveways, and each with its compulsory Eiffel Tower TV aerial fixed like a rocket on the roof. If there seems something very American in the conception and scale of these palaces, that could be because the United States is precisely where the money, and as often as not the hands, to build them have come

from. This is Palestine's little America. Of Deir Dibwan's 12,000 or so inhabitants, getting on for half are U.S. citizens. They started going over at the turn of the century in search of jobs and money, and they've been keeping it up ever since. Today there are communities of Deir Dibwan in Chicago, New York and New Mexico. The money they send back goes towards the spanking new mansions to which most hope one day to return.

In one such house, on a hill at the end of a dirt track just south of the town, lives Deir Dibwan's mayor, Yusuf Ghanam. Or, if you prefer it, just plain Joe. We first met Joe a few months ago. That was before he'd been re-instated, and when we found him he was lounging beside his rather dingy-looking swimming-pool, wearing shorts, shades and a baseball cap. Joe is a youthful and wiry 65-year-old. He has a tanned and heavily lined face, with a graying moustache and a wry smile. Like half his townsmen, he's spent much of his life in the U.S., and he speaks perfect English in a slow, mellifluous drawl.

Joe was deposed from office a few years ago, after a disagreement with the authorities. But now, he told us, things were beginning to look up. Jordan and Israel both wanted him back in the town-hall, and if he was offered the job back, he'd accept. Jordan had even promised the town a grant of one million dollars. "Just think what we could do with that kind of money," Joe enthused. "With one million dollars we



could really put Deir Dibwan back on the map." He told us to come back in a couple of years' time, to see how things would change. "You won't recognise the place," he said. "We'll have new roads, sidewalks, Wimpy's, MacDonald's — the works."

It was in fact only a couple of months later that we came back. Joe was mayor again now, and we found him in his upstairs office at the municipality-cum-post-office. He was soberly dressed in a suit and Arab head-dress, and was discussing projects with a group of aid workers. His appointment had come through a few weeks before, and so far everything had gone fine. He'd had the town cleaned up a bit, and a new road was under way-out to where many families had their land. There was a slight problem over the money from Jordan, which hadn't materialised yet, but Joe had been assured it would come through in the new year. One thing was bothering him though. Deir Dibwan's perennial feud had broken out again.

Earlier this year, we learned, two brothers from Deir Dibwan had been shot dead in a small town in New Mexico. The murderers were two other brothers — also

from Deir Dibwan, but from a different clan — who'd thought they were cutting in on their jewellery-peddling business. Since the murders, the town had been literally split in two. The two clans lived in separate parts of town, and refused to go near each other. Life was becoming intolerable.

It was Joe's job to stop things breaking into open warfare, and to sort out the compensation to the dead brothers' clan. So far they'd already been paid around \$40,000, and a truce had been arranged for another six months. Come March, Joe hoped, the murderers' clan would make another, much larger offer — and then things could get back to normal again. However, as Joe explained wearily, the affair would not necessarily end there. The children of the murdered brothers might always decide to avenge their fathers' deaths and seek out the killers in a few years' time. It had happened before. Even after the *sullia*, the blood of the murderer is still lawful.

But would that really happen, we asked? Would these children really wait out their youth, and then ritually seek out and kill the killers? Surely not today? It depended on their nature and upbringing, replied Joe, but if they kept being fed this vengeance stuff, he wouldn't be surprised.

Perhaps, after the palaces of Deir Dibwan have finally been finished, and after the first branch of Wimpy's has opened its doors, things will look different.

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Edberg downs Cash in gruelling final

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Sweden's Stefan Edberg, escaping from a mid-match letdown, captured his second straight Australian Open men's singles title Sunday, defeating hometown favourite Pat Cash 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 5-7, 6-3.

The hard-earned victory by the fourth-seeded Edberg ended the hopes of Cash becoming the first Australian to win the Australian Open since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

But even in defeat, Cash, the hero of Australia's Davis Cup victory over Sweden last month, won the admiration of the crowd with his gritty performance as he rallied to win the third and fourth sets, then fought off three match points before finally succumbing.

On Saturday, Czechoslovak's Hana Mandlikova upset top-seeded Martina Navratilova 7-5, 7-6 to win the women's singles crown.

It was the last Australian Open to be staged on the grass courts of Kooyong. The year's first Grand Slam tournament is moving next year to a newly constructed National Tennis Centre closer to downtown Melbourne.

Edberg swept the first two sets easily, appearing to be in complete control. But Cash, who won both of his singles matches and was the key to Australia's doubles victory in the Davis Cup final, fought back to win the third and fourth sets and send the match into the decisive fifth set.

The two battled evenly until the sixth game of the fifth set, when Edberg broke Cash at 30. The final point came when Edberg hit a smash that the Australian reached, but could only send a high cross-court lob that landed wide.

The Swede, who now has won two Grand Slam singles titles,

both at Kooyong, had to fight off a break point in the seventh game before he held serve to take a 5-2 lead. Cash, scrambling around the court and fighting for every point, quickly fell behind 15-40 — double match point — in the eighth game.

Edberg, obviously taut with tension, couldn't take advantage as Cash finally held serve after fighting through four deuces and saving off a total of three match points.

But the Swede was perfect when he served for the match. He took the first two points on service winners. And he reached his fourth match point when Cash miss-hit a backhand on a ball that took a bad hop.

The blond right-hander closed out the match with a forehand volley into any empty court, then threw his hands skyward in victory.

With his powerful serve-and-volley game complemented perfectly by his accurate pin-point passing shots, Edberg captured the opening set by breaking Cash's service at 15 in the eighth game, then holding his own serve at love. He closed out the set with an ace and a sharply hit cross-court volley off the Australian's service return.

The Swede, appearing to be in complete command of the match, broke Cash's serve at 30 in the third game of the second set and eventually moved out to a 5-3 advantage.

Then came the longest game of the match, a duel that saw Cash

fight through 11 deuces and save off five set points before he finally held serve on his eighth game point. Edberg reached his fifth set point when he pulled a backhand service return down the line.

The ball was called out, but umpire Jeremy Shales of Britain overruled the linesman, giving the defending champion the ad point.

Upset with the overrule, Cash stormed to the umpire's chair and told Shales: "Inspect that Jeremy. I just expect that from you. On a big point like that, how can you make an overrule?"

The overrule stayed, but Cash won the next three points to finally hold service.

Edberg then held his serve easily to close out the second set.

Then it was Cash's turn to shine.

The 21-year-old right-hander, who defeated top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia in the semifinals, raced out to a 3-0 lead in the third set. The two then traded service breaks in the fifth and sixth games before Cash held from deuce in the ninth game to win the set.

In the fourth set, Cash built a 5-1 lead, breaking his 21-year-old opponent's service in the first and fifth game. But Edberg swept through the next four games to knot the set at 5-5 before Cash broke the Swede at love in the 11th game, then held serve to level the match at two sets apiece.

It was the first time the Australian Open final has gone to five sets since 1977, when American Vitas Gerulaitis defeated Britain's John Lloyd.

The victory boosted Edberg's ranking to no. 3 in the world behind Lendl and West Germany's Boris Becker.

After the 24-year-old Mandlikova won the women's crown, she pleaded not to be called inconsistent.

"I'm always called inconsistent or unpredictable," she said, "but I know I'm one of the hardest workers. I can face myself in the mirror."

"I've concentrated very hard all tournament and worked very hard and it has paid off."

Mandlikova, who has applied for Australian citizenship, previously won the Australian Open in 1980. This was the fourth Grand Slam title of her career.

Navratilova, foiled in her bid to win the event for the fourth time after previous victories in 1981, 1983 and 1985, had problems finding her range, and her graceful and fluid opponent was deadly accurate with her passing shots.

Navratilova, Shriver win doubles

Martina Navratilova thundered down an ace Sunday afternoon to bring the curtain down on Kooyong as the venue for the Australian Open tennis championships.

Navratilova's ace clinched a 6-1, 6-0 victory for herself and Pam Shriver over fellow Americans Zina Garrison and Lori McNeil in the women's doubles final.

The final was the last open match to be played at Kooyong, the home of the tournament since 1972 and Australia's most famous tennis venue for more than 60 years.

Next year, the open will switch to the new National Tennis Centre in downtown Melbourne.

It was the fifth year in a row Navratilova and Shriver had taken the title.

On Saturday, the world number one was beaten by Hana Mandlikova in the women's singles final. Navratilova and Paul Annacone were beaten in the mixed doubles semi-finals.

Richards powers West Indies over Australia

ADELAIDE, Australia (R) — Viv Richards powered West Indies to victory in the World Series Cup with 69 off 64 balls Sunday against Australia, who must now beat England Monday to retain a realistic chance of reaching the final.

Richards put a recent run of disappointing limited overs form behind him as he helped West Indies reach 237 for five off its 50 overs. Australia could muster only 221 for nine in reply as it slumped to its third loss in four games.

The West Indian captain, coming to the wicket after Larry Gomes had been dismissed for 43, injected zest into his side's batting after it had ambled to 110 for two off 30 overs.

Richards hit seven fours and two sixes as he joined Richie Richardson, who amassed a patient 72, in a third-wicket stand of 74 and helped Jeffrey Dujon add 37 for the fifth wicket.

Off-spinner Peter Taylor suffered most at the hands of Richards, conceding 30 runs off two overs including a six onto the top of the grandstand. But the rest of the Australian attack bowled accurately to restrict the Caribbean stroke-makers to a moderate one-day score.

Opener Geoff Marsh anchored the Australian innings with a

patient 94 but few of his teammates stayed at the crease long enough to pose a long-term threat to the West Indies.

After the early departure of Dirk Wellham, Dean Jones, with 40 off 79 balls, helped Marsh put on 81 for the second wicket before he was trapped lbw by a quicker delivery from Joel Garner.

Allan Border wasted this solid base when he was bowled between bat and pad by a flighted delivery from off-spinner Roger Harper for one. Harper finished with three for 49.

Steve Waugh took up the run chase with determination, adding 72 in 12 overs with the indomitable Marsh.

But Australia's chances of victory faded in the 40th over when Waugh was dismissed by Harper for 24, leaving Australia needing 80 off the last 10 overs.

Marsh was eventually out trying to force the pace as the lower order, except for Tim Zohrer with 22 not out, crumbled.

Australia must now beat England in the final game of the Australia day weekend to keep alive its hopes. Defeat against England will leave Australia needing three wins from its last three games to have a chance of qualifying for the best-of-three final on run rate.

Hurdler Nehemiah wins first race in 5 years

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — Renaldo Nehemiah won his first U.S. race in five years and Earl Bell soared to a personal best in the pole vault Saturday night at the Pacific Northwest Bell Indoor Track and Field Meet.

Nehemiah, the world record holder making a comeback in the hurdles after four years in professional football, won the 55-metre hurdles in a hand-timed 6.9 seconds.

The event was hand-timed due to a malfunction of the electronic timing equipment.

Nehemiah's winning clocking was just off his world best of 6.89 seconds set seven years ago. Nehemiah also holds the world's outdoor record in the 110-metre hurdles.

Roger Kingdom, the 1984 Olympic gold medalist in the 110-metre hurdles, was second at 7.1 seconds.

Greg Foster and Tonie Campbell, who beat Nehemiah in last weekend's Sunkist Invitational, weren't entered in the Portland meet.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Dominican Amparo wins WBC title

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Jorge Amparo of the Republic of Dominica became the first junior World Boxing Council middleweight champion Saturday night with a fourth-round knock out against Indonesia's Suwarno in a scheduled 12-round title bout. Amparo, 32, displayed superior boxing skills and stamina, keeping the Indonesian on the defence from bell to bell before 30,000 fans at Jakarta's Senayan Main Stadium. In the second round, the Dominican national champion landed five clean punches sending Suwarno reeling to the rope. Again in the fourth round, a powerful right hook by Amparo landed squarely on Suwarno's jaw sending him to the canvas. American referee Arthur Marante counted Suwarno out 52 seconds into the round although the Indonesian fighter, who jumped to his feet at the count of 10, protested. Marante said Suwarno jumped to his feet too late.

U.S. skaters set track records

LAKE PLACID, New York (AP) — Nick Thometz and Bonnie Blair broke track records and led a U.S. sweep of three World Cup speed skating races Saturday at the Olympic Oval. Thometz, 23, won the men's 500 metre in 38.01 seconds, breaking Eric Heiden's 1980 Olympic and track record of 38.03. Blair, 22, easily captured the women's 500 metres in 40.90. She broke Karin Enke's record of 41:78 established during the 1980 Olympic games. The competition, the first World Cup ever held in the United States, was hampered by sub-zero temperatures and wind gusts of 20 mph (32 kph).

N. Zealand women takes snowy marathon

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Defending champion Lorraine Moller of New Zealand, running in snow, won the Osaka International Women's Marathon Sunday by 19 seconds over Australian Lisa Martin. Moller and Martin ran shoulder-to-shoulder after the 35-kilometre (22-mile) point, but Moller began edging ahead after 40 kilometres (25 miles) and finished 100 metres ahead in 2 hours, 30 minutes, 40 seconds. Martin, runner-up in the New York City Marathon in November, finished in 2:30:59 and Japan's Misako Miyahara, who was with the leaders until the 35-kilometre point, finished third in 2:32:10 in the race through Osaka streets.

Canadians twist and flip to win

BRECKENRIDGE, Colorado (AP) — Canadians dominated the men's aerials competition in the Swatch Freestyle World Cup, taking two of the top three places. Lloyd Langlois, Canada's top aerialist, finished first Saturday and was followed by teammate Jean-Marc Rozon in second. Didier Meda of France captured third place. In the women's competition, Sonja Reichart of West Germany placed first, followed by Anna Fraser of Canada and Maria Quintana of the United States. More than 5,000 spectators gathered for the final stage of the competition. Eighteen women and 38 men from 16 countries flipped and twisted 60 feet in the air off a specially-designed snow ramp.

Soviets stay afloat in water polo

PERTH, Australia (AP) — The Soviet Union hung on to a tight advantage to defeat the United States 8-7 and take the gold medal in the McDonald's international water polo tournament here Saturday night. The Soviet Union held on to its reputation as a leading power in water polo and never let the Americans take the advantage. Australia comfortably beat Yugoslavia 14-9 to take the bronze medal.

Canada's Mannen wins Hong Kong race

HONG KONG (AP) — Rick Mannen of Canada won the 10th annual Hong Kong Marathon Sunday, beating an international field of about 700 runners in 2 hours, 20 minutes, 51 seconds. American Doug Kurtis of Detroit, the pre-race favourite, finished second in 2:21:53, and Neil Featherby of Britain was third in 2:23:03. Li Juan of China, who finished second last year, won the women's division in 2:37:55, followed by two Hong Kong runners, Yuko Gordon in 2:38:32 and Rita Wong in 2:52:41.

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3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the head of tendering directorate, and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the UDD, Municipality of Amman, P.O. Box 927198 Amman - Jordan.

4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any prequalified interested eligible bidder on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of (JD-200). Additional sets of documents may be purchased each at the same price.

5. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security, in an acceptable form, of not less than (JD 40,000), and must be delivered to the Director General UDD P.O. Box 927198, Amman - Jordan on or before 12:00 noon local time, on 24th March, 1987, at the offices of the UDD, Amman Municipality Headquarters Building, Emir Mohammad Street, 8th floor.

6. Bids will be opened in the presence of those bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 12:00 noon local time, on 24th March, 1987 at the offices of Urban Development Department, Amman.

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Weekly Financial Report

By Fouad Batshon

The following report summarizes trading activities in Amman of major European and Arab currencies as well as gold prices. The writer is a foreign exchange dealer at the Arab Finance Corporation (merged with Halim Saliti and Sons Co.).

AMMAN — Last week, the dollar continued sliding to record lows in ten years against the Deutsch mark (DM), the Swiss franc (SF) and the Japanese yen. The dollar fell against the Jordanian Dinar (JD) to reach a low of 0.3300.

In the local market, the demand for the U.S. dollar was extremely high, because lots of dealers in banks and financial companies wanted to cover their short positions on the dollar/JD. Charts still indicate that the dollar must move lower to around 0.3250 this week. The expected ranges for this week are to be 0.3250 to 0.3380.

Trading in European currencies

The pound sterling has hit a new high in one year. It improved from a low of 0.5085 to 0.5325. This improvement was in relation to higher North Sea and world oil prices and the lower dollar. The DM, SF and yen

moved to new highs in one year in reaction to a continued weakness in the American currency due to bad economic figures that were released in New York last week showing a \$180 billion budget deficit.

The DM traded between 0.178 to 0.188, the SF traded between 0.2140 to 0.2220 and the yen between 0.00145 to 0.00155.

Trading in the world metals

Profit taking on metals moved them lower towards their support levels on the charts. Gold moved lower from a high of \$424 an ounce to \$400 an ounce, silver from \$5.62 an ounce to \$5.40 an ounce and platinum from \$545 an ounce to \$510 an ounce.

Chart indicate that metals should be bought around the areas of (\$400-\$405) an ounce for gold, (\$5.45-\$5.50) an ounce for silver.

Trading in Arab currencies

The Lebanese lira (LL) traded quietly at higher levels. It traded between (\$270-\$280) to the dollar and (\$7-\$8) to the JD.

Gold prices in Amman, based on the daily bulletin provided by the Jordan Jewelry store are as follows:

Gold per gramme 21 carats JD 3.650 JD 3.850
Gold per gramme 18 carats JD 3.150 JD 3.400

Jordanian firm signs major contract with Iraq

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Arab Chemical Detergent Industries Company has signed a contract with Iraqi officials under which the Jordanian company will supply 10,000 tonnes of "Shine" detergent to Iraq.

Mr. Jameel Muasher, the company's chairman of the board and the general manager, said the shipments will take place over a six-month period and that the order was in recognition for the quality of the company's product as Iraq had previously imported 13,000 tonnes of the "Shine" detergent at a cost of \$9 million.

The Iraqi contract is the largest to be signed with a Jordanian company producing detergents.

OIC faces tight finances

KUWAIT (R) — The 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) has cut its 1986-87 budget to cope with a revenue crunch, an OIC official said Saturday.

Mr. Jassim Al Khorafi, Kuwait's finance minister and head of an Islamic foreign ministers committee dealing with economic matters, told a news conference this year's OIC budget would be cut to \$7.97 million from \$8.35 million in 1985-86.

"The difficulties we are facing are not small. But we hope to reach a solution to this problem," he said.

The budget is financed almost entirely by contributions from members. Sheikh Khorafi said only half the contributions were received last year. He said the committee recommended that OIC bureaux and affiliated organisations rationalise spending.

The recommendations are to be put to an Islamic summit opening in Kuwait on Monday.

The committee agreed that no new OIC institutions would be set up and no new financial dues asked of members.

It voted to exempt Egypt from dues accrued from 1979 to 1984 when it was suspended from the OIC for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

Africa Fund launched with \$70 million

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Non-Aligned nations launched the "Africa Fund" Sunday with \$70 million to support frontline states which impose economic sanctions against Pretoria in protest against apartheid.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, speaking at the end of a two-day summit of the Non-Aligned nations' Coordinating Committee, said the fund will help frontline countries "resist the blackmail of the racist regime" of Pretoria.

Mr. Gandhi, chairman of the fund, pledged \$40 million. Nigeria contributed \$15 million to the fund.

U.S., EC remain divided over trade

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — U.S. and European negotiators failed to reach agreement Saturday to resolve a bitter trade dispute, but vowed to make another effort this week.

If an agreement is not reached by Jan. 30, the United States plans to slap duties as high as 200 per cent on imported European gin, brandy, white wine, assorted cheeses, canned ham, endives, carrots and olives.

U.S. trade representative, Mr. Clayton Yeutter, and Mr. Willy De Clercq, top trade negotiator for the 12-nation European Community (EC), met for six hours Saturday in Mr. Yeutter's office in an unsuccessful effort to break the deadlock.

"We have been unable to reach agreement today," Mr. De Clercq said in a statement. However, he added: "The positions of the two sides have moved closer together."

Mr. Roger Bolton, a spokesman for Mr. Yeutter, agreed that the two sides had come closer together "and that's good. But we weren't able to resolve the issue and that's not good."

"A few days remain before the U.S. response will go into effect. We still hope that a resolution will be possible," Mr. Bolton added.

Mr. De Clercq said that both sides would engage in "necessary consultations," then "resume contact within the next few days in the light of these consultations."

President Ronald Reagan announced the tariffs last month, to take effect next Friday, in retaliation for what the United States contends is \$400 million in lost grain exports to Spain.

The EC, also known as the Common Market, has vowed to counter-retaliate with new duties on U.S. feed grains and rice if the tariffs go into effect.

After the meeting with Mr. Yeutter, Mr. De Clercq flew back to Brussels. He will meet Monday with representatives of the nations of the EC said Ms. Ella Krucoff, a spokeswoman for the trading bloc.

Meanwhile, producers of cognac, France's rich amber twice-distilled spirit, say their industrial product is being held hostage in a

"Each (side) is agreed that the outstanding questions must be settled one way or the other before the end of the month," said Mr. De Clercq.

A Reagan administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the two sides still seemed "very far apart."

The Reagan administration contends that the EC should compensate U.S. farmers for \$400 million in grain sales lost to Spain when that nation, along with Portugal, joined the EC last year.

Officials in both the United States and in Europe have said failure to settle the controversy could result in a trade war.

The Europeans in December offered concessions on industrial goods that would be worth about 30 per cent of the grain trade. The United States rejected that as inadequate.

Cognac producers, growers say U.S. levy spells catastrophe

Meanwhile, producers of cognac, France's rich amber twice-distilled spirit, say their industrial product is being held hostage in a

U.S.-European Community trade war about agricultural subsidies they do not even receive.

If the United States carries through its threat to put a 200 per cent levy on cognac, producers and wine-growers say it will mean catastrophe for the region in south-west France where much of the economy is built around the spirit made from wine.

What galls wine growers and producers around cognac, the small town that has given its name to the world's best known brandy, is that cognac, 90 per cent of which is sold abroad, represents 40 per cent of the value of U.S. imports to be hit by the trade restrictions.

"We've been taken hostage in a conflict that doesn't concern us," said Mr. Rene Martell, president of Martell, one of the region's biggest producers.

Because the distilling process is industrial, cognac is classified in the Community as an industrial product, he said.

"The conflict is about agricultural subsidies on both sides, and we are not agricultural. In addition it's an industrial product

that has no subsidies of any sort. It doesn't seem logical to me.... they could just as easily put levies on automobiles, like West Germany's BMW's or Mercedes," he said.

Mr. Jean-Noel Riviere, a wine-grower in the nearby village of Mosnac who bottles his own stock and sells to Remy-Martin and Courvoisier, said the situation was very worrying.

"For Viticulture, it's catastrophic," said Mr. Riviere, 63, whose family has made cognac since 1680. He said 60,000 families are involved in the industry.

Mr. Riviere is convinced a 200 per cent levy would eliminate 80 per cent or more of sales in the United States, which takes 27 per cent of exports. Depending on its age, a bottle of cognac now sells there for between \$18 and \$28.

The levies President Reagan proposed would raise the price from \$18 to \$38 on minimum 30-month-old brandies, and from \$28 to \$60 for the VSOP (very superior old pale) or reserve cognacs that have been aged from 10 to 20 years in oak casks.

Reagan to offer 'competitiveness' programme

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's administration is seeking to blunt pressure in Congress for protectionist trade legislation with a new package of "competitiveness" measures.

The proposals, to be highlighted by President Reagan in his state of the union address Tuesday, offer a mixture of measures designed to help U.S. businesses compete overseas while strengthening some U.S. trade laws, said administration officials.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the administration's package would include these key items:

— A proposed easing of anti-trust laws to enable U.S. firms to engage in more joint ventures overseas.

— A major overhaul of the federal copyright practices act, which prohibits U.S. companies from paying bribes to foreign governments, to more closely de-

fine what constitutes a bribe. U.S. officials claim the current law is so vaguely drawn, and the penalties so stiff, that it frightens many companies away from doing business abroad.

— New laws to strengthen protection of U.S. copyrights, trademarks and patents, with proposed sanctions against countries that do not respect these so-called "intellectual property rights."

— New authority for the United States to negotiate in an upcoming round of global trade liberalisation talks, expected to start soon in Geneva.

— A \$300 million war chest, to be administered by the Treasury Department, to provide selected subsidies to certain U.S. products to help offset competing subsidies granted by other nations.

— A partial relaxing of export controls that now restrict shipment of thousands of U.S. products to Eastern Bloc nations,

with an eye toward lifting bans on those products that are not considered to have strategic or military applications.

— An effort to establish new federal standards on product liability that could ease the financial burdens on U.S. businesses reeling under the escalating costs of liability insurance.

Variations on some of the proposals, such as the subsidy-fighting war chest and easing of anti-trust laws, were unsuccessfully proposed by President Reagan in 1986.

But this year, the administration is lumping all its proposals together under the label of "competitiveness," the new code word for all trade-related initiatives.

The strategy reverses administration policy of the past two years, during which major trade legislation was sharply opposed.

With both chambers of Congress now controlled by opposition Democrats and leaders giving

trade legislation a top priority, the administration decided to come in early in the new congressional session with a trade package of its own.

Democrats also took a conciliatory tone Saturday on trade reform efforts.

"We must send our trading partners a message from a united America. The White House, which once stalled, now says it is ready to work with Congress. That could be a big step in the right direction," said representative Dan Rostenkowski, who delivered the weekly radio address for the Democratic Party.

Parts of the administration's package already have been unveiled, including a \$1 billion Labour Department retraining programme for workers dislocated by import competition, included in President Reagan's fiscal 1988 budget presented earlier this month.

And the administration moved

a week ago to lift a 6-year-old prohibition on the export of oil and gas well drilling equipment to the Soviet Union, a move that could be worth millions in new sales to this nation's hard-pressed oilfield industries.

Administration officials say they hope the measures will help deflect some congressional support for stronger trade-restraint measures, or those that would force mandatory retaliation against trading partners.

President Reagan is presenting his new trade proposals at a time of mounting trade frictions.

Three days after the state of the union address, the Commerce Department is scheduled to release its final figures for the merchandise trade deficit for 1986.

Official estimates are that it will fall somewhere between \$170 billion and \$174 billion — far above the previous record shortfall of \$148.5 billion in 1985.

Economists see high priority for lower dollar

WASHINGTON (USIA) — The United States won't be able to make significant progress in reducing its \$170,000 million trade deficit unless the U.S. dollar continues its current decline against other major currencies, according to several leading private U.S. economists.

In two days of hearings last week before the Senate Finance Committee and the Joint Economic Committee, the economists stressed that the U.S. trade deficit has grown to such proportions that while other trade deficit reduction steps such as a decline in the U.S. federal deficit and stronger growth abroad are important, they will not make a significant impact on the trade deficit.

Mr. Rudiger Dornbusch, Massachusetts Institute of Technology economics professor, told the Finance Committee that the value of the dollar must drop 30 per cent from current levels against major world currencies.

Mr. Dornbusch argued that growth has been inadequate to narrow the growth differential with the United States and reverse current trade flows.

"Our import level, as a result of the past differential, will be permanently higher than our export level unless there is a period during which the other industrial countries grow faster than the United States," he said. "There is no prediction that this will happen. That means a larger adjustment must come from the exchange rate and competitiveness."

Mr. Dornbusch said that the real depreciation (the change in

exchange rates adjusted for differing rates of inflation) that has taken place in the dollar since early 1985 brings U.S. competitiveness relative to other industrial countries back to the level of 1980.

The overvaluation of the dollar from 1980-85 has led firms to close operations in the United States and move them abroad.

This fact, along with the growth differential, calls for "an extra depreciation," he said.

"The ideal solution, which I fear we have few policy tools to encourage, would be continued gradual reduction in the exchange rate of the dollar," said Mr. Alan Greenspan, former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Ford in the mid-1970s.

Mr. Greenspan, like the other economists, expressed concern

that too fast a depreciation of the dollar would ignite inflationary forces whereas a smooth depreciation would result in only modest increase in import prices and inflationary pressures.

"This would gain time for shrinking unit costs to improve the competitiveness of American production," Mr. Greenspan said. "Cost reductions remain the only credible alternative to further dollar depreciation as a mechanism to close our trade deficit."

Mr. Greenspan also suggested that significant progress in reducing the U.S. budget deficit, though not automatically implying a significant reduction in the trade deficit, would move in that direction.

Federal deficit reduction, he explained, would reduce inflation

expectations and long-term interest rates, thus encouraging accelerated domestic capital investment and a reduction in the costs of production. This, Mr. Greenspan said, "would encourage U.S. exports, discourage U.S. imports, and assist in bringing about a gradual reduction in the trade deficit."

Mr. Gerald Holtham, a visiting fellow with the Brookings Institution, also advocated budget deficit reduction.

Mr. Holtham said that substantial cuts in the budget deficit "would restore the national savings-investment balance, further reduce real interest rates, and promote further depreciation of the dollar." However, he said that deficit reduction is also likely to reduce growth among other major industrial countries.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Swiss arms exports total \$320m in '86

BERNE (R) — Switzerland exported 488.5 million Swiss francs (\$320 million) worth of arms and military equipment last year, with Turkey, Nigeria and West Germany the main customers, the military department said last week. Exports were down by about 10 per cent from 1985. A law dating from 1972 forbids Swiss companies to export arms or military equipment to war zones or to countries where hostilities seem likely to break out. Other major customers were Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Italy, Austria and Singapore.

India to build 13th oil refinery

NEW DELHI (AP) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has approved the setting up of India's 13th oil refinery at Karnal in the northern Indian state of Haryana. The refinery will have a capacity to process six million tonnes of crude oil annually, according to the Indian petroleum ministry. India currently has 12 oil refineries — all in the public sector. The last refinery built by the government is located at Mathura, southeast of New Delhi near the Taj Mahal monument. The Indian refineries processed about 40 million tonnes of crude oil last year, according to official figures.

Mauritius, China order Boeing aircrafts

SEATTLE, Washington (AP) — Air Mauritius has ordered the first two extended-range 767-200 jetliners, and China's national airline has ordered three 757s in deals worth \$255 million, Boeing Commercial Airplane Co. officials have announced. The Chinese order of the Civil Aviation Administration of China cost about \$125 million and are for delivery in September and October, according to a Boeing statement issued last week. The Chinese carrier also is converting three 747-200 Jumbo jets from an earlier order to the more advanced, long-haul 747-400 for delivery in 1989 and 1990, the statement said. The 767s ordered by Air Mauritius have a higher gross weight than the 767, allowing for additional fuel capacity to fly non-stop over water between the Indian Ocean island-nation, Europe and the Far East. Delivery is set for March and April of next year. The deals bring total 767 order to 214 aircraft, of which 156 have been delivered, while 757 orders now stand at 198 aircraft.

Horoscope not received

THE Daily Crossword by Judson G. Trent

ACROSS

- 1 Elec. unit
- 6 Bede
- 10 One-line
- 14 Kill a bill
- 15 Priority
- 16 Automation
- 17 Fornicary delinquency
- 18 Arise
- 19 Profound
- 21 Contented (with)
- 22 Settlement
- 23 Merits secretly
- 25 Spaghetti e.g.
- 28 Dye source
- 30 Haygrowth or Moreno
- 31 Russ. news agency
- 33 Rickshaw or Cartor
- 37 Pitty with
- 39 Most neat
- 41 Brits
- 42 Roman road
- 44 Narrative
- 45 Full beverage
- 47 Ancient old style
- 48 Leatherneck
- 52 Rattle words
- 54 Merc. prof.
- 55 Profound
- 61 Bill of fare
- 62 — us a child
- 63 Ancestral
- 64 Literary collection
- 65 Ruler suff.
- 66 Soul
- 67 Antonio or Fernando
- 68 Shelter
- 69 Muzzled

DOWN

- 1 Hilly hay
- 2 Porous
- 3 Dandruff
- 4 Thence
- 5 Abhor
- 6 Of no (useless)
- 7 Indication
- 8 Absurdism
- 9 Low-growing plants
- 10 Lively dance
- 11 Open-mouthed
- 12 Traps and Hackman
- 15 Profound
- 20 Papyrus rope
- 24 Fished
- 25 Meerschaum
- 26 Keep (preserve)
- 27 Profound
- 29 Boon: prof.
- 30 — adjudicate
- 32 Heav's girl
- 34 Transgression
- 35 Sought land
- 36 Summer: Fr.
- 38 Control
- 40 in a dory
- 43 Inadequate
- 46 Subtract
- 48 Whiten the conqueror e.g.
- 49 Parents
- 50 Stadium
- 51 Fr. historian
- 52 "vachette" author
- 56 Concerning
- 57 Something forbidden
- 58 Rainbow goddess
- 59 Point a finger at
- 60 Pleased

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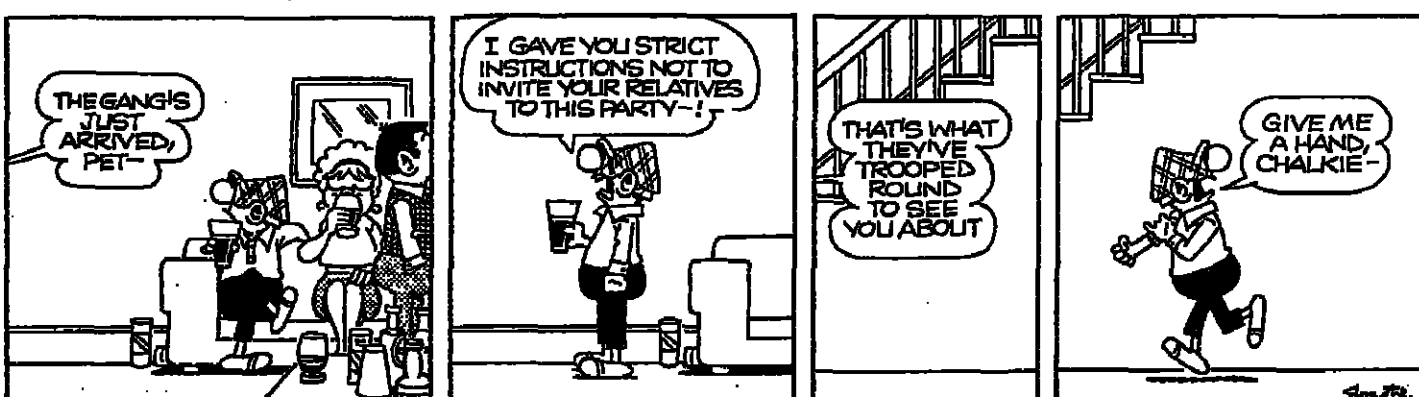
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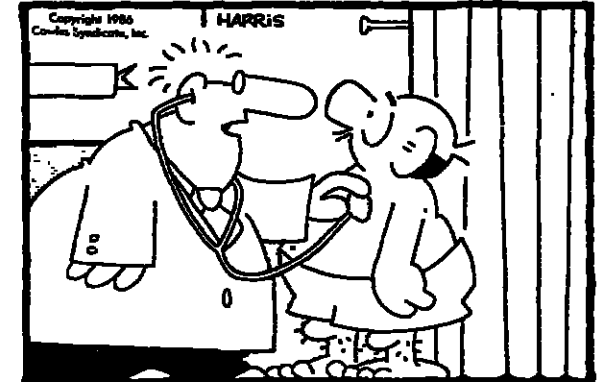
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: YOKEL WAGON BAFFLE GRIMLY

Answer: What that golf nut had in his eyes—A "FAIR-WAY" LOOK

Pakistan confident fighting with India can be avoided

ISLAMABAD (R) — Prime Minister Mohammed Khan Junejo said Sunday that every inch of Pakistani soil would be resolutely defended, but that he was confident a war with India could be avoided.

In a speech to a special session of parliament, summoned to discuss the current border crisis, he said the situation must be looked at objectively and calmly.

"I am not raising any alarm," he said. "But we do need to be vigilant. We do need to take precautions. The situation does not permit complacency."

The joint session was called after India declared a military alert on Friday and sent troop reinforcements to the border, accusing Pakistan of mobilising its forces.

Pakistan, which has fought

three wars with its giant neighbour since they both became independent of Britain in 1947, strongly denied the charges and offered to hold immediate talks to defuse tension.

President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq reacted calmly by leaving for an Islamic summit meeting in Kuwait Sunday as planned.

He told journalists at Islamabad airport that reported remarks by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi indicating that India was ready for talks were "positive."

"I hope that with ... mutual efforts by the two countries, we

will be able to overcome the current unnecessarily created crisis," the president and armed forces chief said.

There was little evidence of alarm when some 230 of the 320 senators and members of the National Assembly gathered in Islamabad for Sunday's special session.

They spent almost an hour discussing the detention of a dozen opposition members of the Sindh provincial assembly on Thursday, before the prime minister stood up to speak.

Mr. Junejo said Pakistan was striving for peace with India but warned against any "miscalculation" of its resolve.

"Let nobody be in any doubt that every inch of our soil would be defended resolutely," he

declared as members of parliament banged on their desks in approval.

"Irresponsible actions would be catastrophic for the entire region and would only bring unimaginable sufferings to its peoples. I am confident that such untoward consequences can be completely averted."

Mr. Gandhi said categorically on Saturday that there was no question of India attacking Pakistan, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

Mr. Junejo reiterated Pakistan's view that it had done no more than take minimum precautions in the face of Indian manoeuvres of an unprecedented scale in the border state of Rajasthan.

Thatcher party leads again in poll

LONDON (AP) — The governing Conservative Party held an eight-point lead over the Labour Party in an opinion poll published Sunday.

A Harris Poll in the Observer, a London weekly, showed the Conservatives with 44 per cent support, Labour with 36 per cent and the centrist Social Democratic-Liberal Party Alliance with 18 per cent.

The poll of 1,093 electors was carried out last week across the

country. No margin of error was given.

On Friday, the Labour Party was given a five-point lead over the Conservatives in a Gallup Poll commissioned by the pro-Conservative Daily Telegraph. It was the first time in two months that the Conservatives had been ousted from first place in opinion polls.

On Wednesday, a National Opinion Polls (NOP) survey

showed the Conservatives with a five-point lead over Labour.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party won a landslide re-election in 1983 with 44 per cent of the vote, and has not garnered as much support in opinion polls for more than two years, the Observer said.

Mrs. Thatcher, who first came to power in 1979, must call a general election before a June 1988 deadline.

153 hurt in violent London rally against Murdoch

LONDON (AP) — A rally marking the first anniversary of the Wapping newspaper dispute turned violent when demonstrators hurled rocks and iron bars at police, prompting repeated cavalry charges by mounted officers.

Scotland Yard said Sunday morning that about 120 police and 33 demonstrators had been injured in fighting at publisher Rupert Murdoch's printing plant in Wapping in east London. Sixty-two people were arrested.

Deputy Assistant Police Commissioner Wyn Jones said demonstrators made no attempt to picket the plant or prevent distribution of Murdoch's Sunday papers.

At the height of the fighting, about two dozen mounted police charged repeatedly into the crowds, followed by officers in full riot gear making arrests. Some protesters were knocked to the ground, but swarms of them fled as the horses plowed through.

An estimated 12,000 people gathered at the site after an early-evening march in support of more than 5,000 printworkers fired one year ago by Murdoch's News International Company. Protesters overturned a truck, blocking the main gates of the plant. By 7 p.m. (1900 GMT), demonstrators were throwing rocks, iron bars and bricks at police.

Officers in full riot gear first formed a blockade between the main entrance and the demonstrators, then made several charges into the crowd, only to be met by counterattacks and a continual hail of thrown objects. Fireworks went off, filling the road with smoke.

Uniformed officers sealed approaches to roads around the plant. Speakers on a platform behind the main crowd appealed for calm.

But shower of rocks and bottles

continued, striking the officers' riot shields and clanging on the metal railings surrounding the plant.

Shortly after 9 p.m. (2100 GMT), the mounted squad launched its first charge into the crowd, riding in at a gallop and sending the crowds scattering and screaming curses at the police.

The demonstrators' barrage kept up as police rode in again and again, plucking the protesters away and dragging them behind police lines.

A squad of about 20 officers in riot gear stood 5 metres from the crowd as protesters hurled 2 metre scaffolding poles high into the air, sending them crashing down onto the shields of the police.

One policeman, hit on the head, was dragged away motionless behind the main police line. Another officer was taken away on a stretcher with blood dripping from a head wound.

Police said 51 officers were hurt, with at least 20 requiring hospital treatment. Most of the injuries were contusions and facial wounds. One policeman had a dart extracted from his hand.

Thirty-three demonstrators were injured and treated at a hospital, police said. An ambulance officer said many "walking wounded" among the demonstrators had taken themselves home.

Police said demonstrators tried, but failed, to set fire to the overturned truck, which had earlier been used by a jazz band entertaining protesters gathered for the anniversary rally and planned speeches.

Scotland Yard said demonstrators hurled a gasoline bomb, 1.2-metre iron bars, bolts, large stones and full cans of beer.

Police had estimated the number of demonstrators at around 4,000, but by the time violence broke out, they said 8,000 to 12,000 had gathered.

Police raid British paper that leaked spy satellite plan

LONDON (R) — British police have searched the London offices of a left-wing magazine which divulged a secret plan to put a satellite above the Soviet Union to spy on Russian, European and Middle Eastern communications.

Police entered the offices of the New Statesman Saturday night on instructions from Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers, after the magazine last Thursday leaked details of a proposed British \$500-million (\$755-million) spy satellite codenamed Zircon.

Opposition Labour Party Parliamentary Robin Cook condemned the police search, saying "this is the first time the security services have ever turned over the offices of an independent newspaper."

"If they are allowed to strike this blow against press freedom, Britain will be dangerously far on the way to a police state."

The government Saturday launched an inquiry into the disclosure of plans for the satellite which the magazine said would hover above the Soviet Union and eavesdrop on telephone calls sent by radio, communications from military, police and government vehicles, and computer links.

The Foreign Office said the inquiry to find the person who leaked the project would first be confined to Britain's top-secret communications centre at Cheltenham, west of London. The outcome would decide if a wider investigation was needed.

The leak last week sparked a dispute in parliament, where members were prevented from viewing a private screening of a television programme on the satellite which had been banned on security grounds.

The government is expected to give parliamentarians details of the inquiry on Tuesday.

Chinese student held for giving information to journalist

PEKING (R) — A student in the Chinese port city of Tianjin has been arrested and charged with "providing intelligence" to a foreign journalist based in Peking, the official New China News Agency reported Sunday.

The agency said Tianjin University student Lin Jie had been seized by the police after "conclusive evidence" had been obtained of his "secret collusion and providing intelligence to Lawrence MacDonald, Agence France Presse reporter stationed in Peking."

The agency did not say what information the student had passed to MacDonald.

MacDonald, an American citizen, was not in Peking at present but was due back from leave Sunday, his wife said.

The Communist Party leadership was shaken last month by demonstrations in many cities by students calling for more democracy and greater freedom.

The party chief Hu Yaobang was forced to resign earlier this month partly as a result of the protests.

The AFP bureau in Peking later issued a statement saying: "Agence France Presse states that it knows nothing about all accusations against Mr. MacDonald and only learned about this from a dispatch of the New China News Agency."

AFP's bureau chief in Peking, Bernard Degioanni, said he was in contact with his editors.

Opposition urges Ershad's resignation

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh's opposition, launching a fresh campaign for the resignation of President Hossain Mohammad Ershad, on Sunday accused police of beating up politicians at an anti-government demonstration.

Police said the head of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Begum Khaleda Zia, and 30 of her followers were freed Saturday night after being detained at the illegal protest.

But the BNP said more than 100 party activists were still in jail, many of them injured by police beating.

"Police used rifle butts and slapped and kicked many opposition leaders and workers," a party official told Reuters.

He said police lashed out as they broke up the central Dhaka rally, staged to protest against General Ershad's rule and demand the dissolution of parliament.

Civil rights cause jolted by Georgia march

CUMMING, Georgia (R) — A non-violent march by 25,000 people through this all-white enclave of northern Georgia appears to have jolted the American civil rights movement out of a long slumber, leaders say.

Under heavy guard, marchers paraded down a country road in Forsyth County Saturday, enduring the taunts and insults of hundreds of white supremacists and their allies.

At least 60 white counter-demonstrators were arrested on charges ranging from illegal weapons possession to inciting to riot. Several of the suspects resisted arrest so violently that they had to be clubbed into submission, police said.

One woman marcher suffered a deep gash across her face when she was hit by a stone thrown by an anti-black demonstrator, march organisers said.

Despite outbreaks of violence, the organisers hailed the march as a victory for the movement and one that is galvanising civil rights activists behind a new cause — wiping out the last pockets of virulent racism in the south.

Forsyth County has a long legacy of racism and vigilante violence against blacks. Civil rights

Poll: Bush, Hart lead in race for nomination

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Senator Gary Hart is the leading Democrat in the race for the presidential nomination, but New York Gov. Mario Cuomo could pose a serious challenge, according to a poll published in Sunday editions of the New York Times.

Among Republicans, Vice President George Bush leads the Senate minority leader, Bob Dole, 36 per cent to 15 per cent, the New York Times-CBS News poll said.

The telephone survey of 1,590 adults conducted on Jan. 18-21 showed Sen. Dole emerging as Mr. Bush's leading challenger. But, the newspaper said, the poll suggested that whatever damage the vice president suffered because of the Iran arms affair has been greatest outside his party and he remains very popular among Republicans.

There was little indication of a strong commitment to any of the candidates and only 18 per cent of the respondents said they had

made a choice they would not change.

When asked which party's nominee they expected to support next year, the Democrats led by 39 per cent to 27 per cent. However, the Times said that when specific candidates were named, Mr. Bush and Mr. Dole performed better than in trial heats with the two leading Democrats.

Among those who said they would take part in Democratic primaries or caucuses or had done so in the past, Sen. Hart led with 33 per cent. Mr. Cuomo followed with 17 per cent and the Rev. Jesse Jackson was third with 9 per cent. Five other candidates were each favoured by 3 per cent or less of the respondents.

The margin of sampling error of the survey varied from plus or minus 3 percentage points to plus or minus 5 percentage points, with the larger figure applying to smaller subgroups, the newspaper said.

Aquino to meet leftwing leaders ahead of protests

MANILA (R) — President Corason Aquino Sunday agreed to meet leftwing activists angered over last Thursday's shooting of 15 demonstrators and the organisers of the peasant protest where the shootings took place claimed 190 farmers were still missing.

Leon Alejandro, secretary-general of a leftist group, the New Patriotic Alliance, Bayan, said the meeting with Mrs. Aquino would take place Monday, hours before a rally called to protest the killings starts near the presidential palace.

In an apparent bid to head off a fresh confrontation, Alejandro said he would urge Mrs. Aquino at Monday's meeting to lift barred-wire barricades from the Mendiola bridge, 300 metres from the palace. It was there that soldiers opened fire at a crowd of about 10,000 protesters who were demanding land reforms.

He told reporters that if the barricades and soldiers were not removed Monday's rally by about 20,000 people could again turn violent, plunging the country deeper into crisis.

"We think it's our constitutional right to assemble freely. If we don't take action people might think we've backed down," Alejandro said.

The militant Philippine Peasants' Movement said in a statement that 190 farmers who had attended last Thursday's rally were still missing.

"We can discern the ugly face of fascism in the continuing dis-

appearance of some 190 farmers ... and continuing repressive acts of the Aquino government against legitimate protesters and demonstrators," the statement said.

As Mrs. Aquino's supporters held nationwide church prayers to mark her 54th birthday, some 100 protesters carrying several replicas of coffins gathered near the presidential palace saying they were birthday gifts for the embattled president.

"Justice to the victims of the Mendiola massacre," one placard held by the protesters said.

The shooting also triggered the resignations Sunday of seven of the nine members of the Presidential Committee on Human Rights (PCHR), led by respected former senator and human-rights lawyer Jose Diokno.

"The Aquino government's pronouncements for human rights have not been validated by its action on certain incidents," the Manila Chronicle newspaper quoted the committee as saying in a letter to Mrs. Aquino.

The PCHR source told Reuters Mrs. Aquino had requested committee members to reconsider their decision and asked them to meet her. The source said the PCHR had laid down unspecified conditions for a withdrawal of the resignations.

The violence erupted when about 10,000 farmers demanding land reforms attempted to break through police and military cordons and surge across a bridge leading to the presidential palace.

Intruder found at Queen's estate

LONDON (AP) — An intruder was found on the grounds of the royal estate at Sandringham while Queen Elizabeth II was in residence, police said Saturday. The unidentified man climbed over the ornate iron gates at the main entrance to the estate Thursday, was detained by the officers on duty and "later seen by a doctor and released from police custody," a police statement said. The queen spends a long winter holiday each year with members of her family at Sandringham, in eastern England.

13 students expelled in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Thirteen students admitted to the law and political science schools of Budapest University have been expelled because their parents bribed officials to gain entrance-exam details, the Communist Party daily Nepszabadsag reported. The state-run news agency MTI reported Jan. 9 that 22 people had been indicted in connection with the fraud case involving parents who reportedly paid bribes to officials and teachers to disclose entrance-exam information. According to MTI, the indictment said the defendants were charged with corruption related to bribery and the violation of official secrets.

Chile burns Garcia Marquez book

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Military authorities in the port city of Valparaiso have burned 14,846 copies of a book by Colombian Nobel laureate Gabriel Garcia Marquez, a representative of his publishing house has said. "The adventure of Miguel Littin while in clandestinity in Chile" is based on a lengthy interview with Littin, a renowned Chilean filmmaker who lives in forced exile in Mexico. Arturo Navarro, representative of the Colombian-based editorial La Oveja Negra, said the books were destroyed last Nov. 28 but he was told only "a couple of days ago."

Police hold national legislator

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Police are holding national legislator Abuya Abuya for questioning at an unknown place, the Sunday Standard reported. The independent newspaper said police went to parliament building in Nairobi on Friday and told the member of parliament to report to their offices the following day. When he arrived there Saturday, Abuya was ordered into an unmarked vehicle and driven away. His family have not been told where he is being held, the newspaper said. It quoted the legislator as telling reporters before he was taken away that he did not know why police wanted him.

Kazakhstan deputy minister sacked

MOSCOW (R) — The deputy motor transport minister in the Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan has been sacked for corruption, the local communist party newspaper Kazakhstanskaya Pravda reported. The newspaper said M. Makhonov had been dismissed for irregularities in the selection of his subordinates and for taking gifts from them. His removal follows two days of rioting in the republic's capital of Alma-Ata last month after the ouster of veteran Kazakhstan leader Dinmukhamed Kunayev, whose 22-year rule has been criticised for allowing the spread of corruption.

Anglicans and Catholics heal split

LONDON (AP) — Anglicans and Roman Catholics, in their latest effort to heal the 400-year-old split of the reformation, say a crucial controversy over how to get to heaven is based on an old misunderstanding. "We are agreed that this is not an area where any remaining differences of interpretation ... can justify our continuing separation," according to a statement issued by representatives of the two churches. The 22-page paper, called "Salvation and the Church," is a theologically intricate document written after three years' discussion by 28 members of the second Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission. It will now be debated by both churches.

2 East Germans flee to the West

RATZBURG, West Germany (AP) — Two East German men escaped unharmed over their Communist country's fortified border to West Germany, frontier authorities have said. The escape brought to seven the number of East Germans who have fled to West Germany this year. A West German border police spokesman said the two men, both carpenters aged 22 and 23, escaped over East Germany's metal boundary fences at 11 p.m. (2200 GMT) Friday near this border community in West Germany's far northeast.

Soviet man allowed to join wife

PARIS (AP) — A Soviet computer expert, Vladimir Pavlenko, was reunited with his French wife in Paris after an 18-month effort to get an exit visa. Pavlenko, 34, was greeted at the airport by his wife, Annie, a former language student at the Pushkin Institute. She had a child a month ago. Pavlenko, speaking through an interpreter, said that during the past 18 months he was not allowed to work because he was "suspected of having an anti-Soviet attitude."

Court bans lawyer for life

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — The supreme court has disbarred a former solicitor general for life after he accused the court of corruption. An opposition youth leader who said the court was biased was fined. Richard McFarland, the lawyer disbarred, had filed a case for 1,500 residents of the community of Fallah Varnay bridge. They sought impeachment of the entire supreme court alleging "the bench was corrupt, incompetent and accepts bribes." Joseph Jallah, the youth leader of the opposition Liberia Action Party, was fined \$2,000 for a newspaper article he wrote accusing the court of bias in another case. The case concerned the \$1,000 fines for three opposition leaders, whose lawyers were also suspended from practice.

Argentina's most wanted general caught

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A former general who is Argentina's most wanted military fugitive was arrested near San Francisco by deputy U.S. marshals. Carlos Guillermo Suarez Mason is wanted on charges of false imprisonment and for allegedly inflicting torture on prisoners while he was an Argentine government official, said Steve Boyle, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Service in Washington. Suarez Mason also is accused of misappropriation of Argentine government funds. Boyle said U.S. authorities discovered that Suarez Mason, 63, had been in contact with his son in the New York City area. Officials then subpoenaed telephone records and traced calls to an apartment in Foster city, California, about 20 miles south of San Francisco.

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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ 983

♥ 843

♦ A K 7 4 3

♣ A K 7 4 3

WEST EAST

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♥ Q 10 2

♦ J 9 7 6

♣ J 9

SOUTH

♠ A K J 10 4 2

♥ A 9 5

♦ 8 2

♣ 4 3

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

The Golden Age of bridge has

lost another of its superstars. Lew

Mathe of Canoga Park, California

died quietly in his sleep on March

10.

No one played bridge as hard as

did Lew Mathe. He enjoyed win-

ning, but there were few more

graceful losers at any game. He

was fiercely jealous of the integ-

ity of the pastime he loved, and

would not mince words if he be-

lieved someone violated it.

He was a member of the victori-

ous 1954 World Championship

team, and also represented the U.S.

on five other occasions. His nation-

al titles would take more space to

detail than we have here.

His technique was impressive.

Watch him at work on this hand

from a national championship.

Four spades was a normal con-

tract, and the opening lead of the

queen of hearts was made at both

tables. In one room, declarer lost a

trump, two hearts and a diamond.

Mathe showed that there was no

reason to give up four tricks.

He won the first trick in hand

with the ace, cashed the king of

clubs and returned to hand with

the king of trumps. He crossed to

the ace of clubs and ruffed a club

with the ten of trumps. Had West

overuffed, the rest would have

been simple, but the defender made

a fine play when he elected to sluff

a diamond.

The diamond finesse was tempt-

ing, but Mathe had already seen

that it was unnecessary. He contin-

ued by leading a low trump, and

the defenders had no counter.

West took his queen of trumps,

led a heart of his partner's king

and won the heart continuation. He

did the best he could by shifting to

a diamond.